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**Student Absence**

**Bulk Bill for Term 2 is available here.**  
**Payments Due**

- Year 5 Raw Art - 16 June $8  
- Year 4 Raw Art - 25 June $8  
**Payment due 11 June**

- Year 5 Camp Goodenough 7—9 October $245  
**Payment due 27 August**  

School 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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**From the Principal - a cool change...**

Over the course of the last 5 years your P and C Association (incorporating all sub committees and businesses) have completed a range of important and value added projects within our school.

These have included
- Upgrades to the prep playground including shade sails, artificial turf, retaining walls and new gardens.
- Year 1 and 2 playground and soft fall.
- Shade about to be installed over ½ playground.
- Hall upgrades including curtains, lights, sound etc.
- Purchase of additional reading materials and bookshelves.
- Funding for outdoor learning space.
- Funding for IT upgrades such as iPads, interactive whiteboards etc.
- Science resources
- ANZAC garden (along with student council and grants)

In addition to this the school has funded significant facilities upgrades including
- Paint, carpet and new roofing for most teaching spaces.
- Eating area upgrades for C Block, I Block and U/K Block.
- Complete refurbishment of student toilet facilities.
- Prep fence upgrade.
- Assorted minor upgrades

The time is right for P and C to look at a project of real significance, one that has the capability of transforming learning spaces within our school, particularly during the hotter months of the year. At the last P and C meeting on May 20 a motion was passed to approve the implementation of a four year project to fully air-condition the classroom spaces of our school. This is a very substantial project and we will need everyone’s help to make this happen but we believe it is the most significant project in terms of our kids’ learning that we can undertake.
More detail including anticipated costs, rollout plans and fundraising contributions will follow.

The P&C along with the school will also begin an environmental audit in line with the schools’ pedagogy, looking at energy management, sustainability, biodiversity, conservation and enhancement of school grounds, some of which have already begun. This will help offset the impact of air conditioning and become a major focus of our future outdoor learning space.

There are a lot of exciting things happening in the school! I encourage you to get involved and help wherever you can.

Brett Shackleton, Principal

Assembly news

**Student of the Month assembly**
Our whole school Student of the Month parade was held this past Monday, with special guest State Member for Ferny Grove, Mark Furner presenting the awards. The worthy recipients were:
- Prep - Amber L
- Year 1 - Daisy F
- Year 2 - Lily S
- Year 3 - Cooper H
- Year 4 - Ezechiel P
- Year 5 - Seth L
- Year 6 - Gabby P
- Deputy Principal’s Special Recognition - Isaac N

**May assemblies**
Our Early and Middle Years Assemblies have seen lots of students receiving Merit Awards and Happy Grams for their effort. They have also given our Senior Strings and Senior Choir opportunities to perform before an audience. A number of students have received Gotchas (caught doing the right thing).

They are:
- Lachlan 1K
- Ruby 1T
- Finn 1T
- Isabella 1K
- Charlie 2P
- Timmy 3JM
- Amy 3JM
- Maalika 3R
- Eddie 5F
- Joel 4P
- Michael 5F
- Drew 5F
General news

Student Council news
Thanks to all for supporting Humani free dress day. A total of $1032 was raised.

Disco Thursday 11 June also in support of Humani.
Prep - Year 3 from 5.00-6.30pm
Years 4-6 from 7 till 8.30pm
$5 admission, $2 sno-cones
Sausage sizzle from 4.30pm

Asthma Care Plans
Reminder to parents/carers who received home via their students an Asthma Care Plan to be completed by their GP.
Could you please advise the school office ASAP as to whether or not these plans are required for your child, by returning the slip at the bottom of the letter.

Walk to School Safely Day
Another great turnout for Walk to School day this year. This is an opportunity to encourage and celebrate an active lifestyle by having the students walk to school from a number of places in our community. A big thanks to the staff who organised, walked with the students and served breakfast and a big thank-you to our P & C association which once again funded the FREE breakfast available when the students arrived at school.

1-2-3 Magic - Behaviour Management Strategies for parents
We will again be offering this program as part of our Parent Education on Thursday 11 & 18 June. Sessions will be held from 1:15 to 2:45pm in the library.
Peter Wheeler, our Student Welfare and Engagement Teacher will be introducing the 1-2-3 Magic program (with some elements from Triple P Program).
Please RSVP if you would like to attend to Peter Wheeler at pwhee3@eq.edu.au.
Early years news

Under 8’s Day
What a windy but wonderful day our Pre-prep to year 2’s had at our under 8’s day. Thank you to our amazing teachers who all managed two activities each. The children of course didn’t notice the cyclonic winds (except those who made kites!) so thank you to those parents and grandparents that braved the wind to participate in the fun. A special thank you to our House Captains who were put to work in helping groups of children move around the activities without fuss. Also a big thank you to our School Captains and Vice Captains who helped out on the face painting stall, completing all children who wished to have their face painted this year.

Jacki Schott, A/Deputy Principal

Sports days 2015
One of the highlights of Semester 1 for sport is fast approaching! Yes that’s right time to dust off the running shoes and perfect our jumps for this year’s sports days.

As advertised in this Term’s calendar the dates are as below;
- Monday 22 June - 9yrs to 12yrs High Jump and Distance races (9yrs - 600m, 10-12yrs - 800m)
- Tuesday 23 June - 9yrs to 12yrs Track and field events.
- Thursday 25 June – Prep to Year 3 Sports Day.

The Carnivals on Tuesday and Thursday commence with a March Past at around 8.30am with events to commence immediately following the March Past. Great time to get the kids out of bed and at school a little earlier than normal (if you can!!).

NOTE - Many students in Year 3 will already be 9yrs or are turning 9yrs this year. These students will participate in the events on Monday and Tuesday. (This allows them to compete for House points & Age Champion medals). They will also be able to compete on Thursday with Prep to Yr 3 classes.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Gary Kirby, PE Specialist
Defence news

Thank you to all the children who have joined us this week to create a gift for the children of Uthando House in South Africa. We look forward to seeing many more of you in the next couple of weeks.

We also welcomed many of our Defence Students for a Sausage Sizzle this week.

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

Strings News

Welcome back Mrs Nicola Seneviratne. We are very pleased to have you returning to work on Thursday 11 June after your illness and hope your health and wellbeing continues to improve and strengthen. At short notice Ms Jamie-lee Melvin stepped in and we thank her for competently picking up the reins and ensuring our program continued to run smoothly with little disruption to our children’s instrumental education.

As mentioned above Mrs Seneviratne will resume working on Thursdays and lessons will recommence in the tutorial room. Senior Ensemble will rehearse Thursday mornings from 7:15am – 8:30am in the hall and Mrs Seneviratne’s first rehearsal will be Thursday 11 June. I met with Nicola today and she is keen to see all her students on the 11th and find out how they are progressing. During last two weeks Mrs Seneviratne will be involved with our Senior Music camp in week 9 and the high school music camp in week 10.

Lessons and Rehearsals – Week 9 (16 – 18 June)

Senior Camp takes place Tuesday 16th – Thursday 18th and all our instrumental music teachers will be running the program at Ferny Hills State School. Percussion, strings and brass lessons plus Senior Band, Percussion Ensemble and Senior Strings rehearsals will not take place throughout the three days.

Mrs Haringcaspel returns from long service leave on Monday 15 June and will be conducting Junior band rehearsal before school as per usual. She will also have woodwind lessons as per her timetable.

Parade Performances

There will be no parade performances during the last two weeks of term. With Years 4-6 high jump, 800m and ball games taking place on Monday the 22 June Middle Years Assembly has been cancelled.

Ferny Grove Cluster Senior Music Camp

Thirty-six Ferny Grove students will be attending the cluster music camp this year from Tuesday 16 – Thursday 18 June. Such a wonderful opportunity for our children to play alongside students from various schools and work towards the culminating Twilight Concert on Thursday evening. The concert commences at 6:30pm at Ferny Hills State School Hall.

Belinda Evans, Deputy Principal
Well the curtain has fallen on the first SPAG BOL production to grace our stage, the spy/thriller/comedy “I Spy”. Congratulations to all of our talented students, staff and parent helpers involved with the production. Well done Mr Sandilands with bringing it all together. Audiences enjoyed getting to see a live theatre performance in our very own hall and the performers relished the opportunity to tap into their creative side. After a short lull, auditions and rehearsals will begin for the next SPAG BOL production. We look forward to seeing the performance in Term 4.
Are you interested in Gardening or Sustainability?

We are putting together a group of interested parents to be involved with the planning and implementation of an overarching Sustainability plan at Ferny Grove State School including such things as gardening and composting. We are also looking at opportunities to incorporate these practices into our curriculum and encourage our students to be “hands on”.

If you are interested please contact Dan on 0423 056 499 or dviero@yahoo.com OR Juanita on 0439 720 618 or jayat46@bigpond.com.

Family Planning Queensland is offering Family education programs during the School Holidays. The whole document including payment information can be found here.

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Family education programs:

Family education programs are conducted for parents/careers and children to encourage open communication about personal safety and sexuality. Parents/careers are the foremost educators of their children and Family Planning Queensland’s (FPQ) family education programs can help build communication to last a lifetime.

FPQ’s family education programs provide age-appropriate personal safety and sexuality education; whilst assisting parents/careers to develop healthy communication with their children and to answer questions with comfort. All of which can help build children’s self-esteem.

There are two family education programs available; each includes activities between parents/careers and children to facilitate open communication.

Preparing for puberty

For children aged 10-12 years old and their parent/carer

This program is for parents/careers and children aimed at encouraging parents/carer communication about puberty and the changes that occur at puberty.

Bodies and feeling safe

For children aged 7-9 years old and their parent/carer

This program is for parents/careers and children aimed at encouraging parents/carer communication about bodies, public and private and personal safety.

Program details:

- **Date:** 30 June 2015
- **Cost:** $25 per family per session
- **Time:** Preparing for puberty - 10.00am to 11.30am
  - Bodies and feeling safe - 12.30pm to 2.00pm
- **Venue:** Banyo
- **RSVP:** 18 June 2015

*Venue address will be provided with registration*
Library news

Book Fair
Our Book Fair is now on in the school library. We have a huge range of books for students to choose from. They are all very reasonably priced with most around $5. We are open for business from 8am to 8.30am and 2.50pm to 3.30pm every day this week. We will also open in first break on Thursday and Friday from 11-11.30am. Payments can be made by cash or card. If you wish to pay by credit card but can’t make it into the school your child can collect a payment form from the library.

Library craft
Many students have enjoyed our weekly craft activities and have made creations ranging from coasters and bracelets to cool creatures and pom pom launchers

Premiers Reading Challenge
The Premiers Reading Challenge is also underway. Please encourage your child to keep recording the books they have read so they can successfully complete the challenge. Make sure they include the great new books they have bought at the book fair.

Poster Competition
Last week our students designed posters to promote our school Book Fair. It was lovely to see the students really get involved in this. We had so many great entries which are now creating fabulous displays in the library. Our winners were Audrey 1K, Jessica 2P, Maalika 3R, Taleisha 4P, Stella & Natalie 5F, Braiden 6K & Hayden 6W. Our overall winner was Sierra from 5H.

Leane Dunn, Library Coordinator
Important Dates
June
9 IMPS Meeting - 6.30pm Staffroom
15 FAST Meeting - 7pm Library
15 P & C Meeting - 7pm Library
20 Trivia Night - 6.30 Hall

Air conditioning project
Mr Shackleton has mentioned earlier in the newsletter that we have voted that our next big project is air conditioning the school.

Project Cost
The total cost of the project is $260,000 over 4 years. This includes supply and installation, servicing, maintenance and power consumption. The P&C is responsible for ALL costs associated with air conditioning, with power consumption being the only cost that will be picked up by the school after 3 years from date of install.

Each classroom will cost $6170 to air condition.

Funding
The P&C is earmarking proceeds from our annual Festival and other fundraising activities towards this project. Following is our proposed yearly fundraising goals:

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Year 1 Fundraising Goal $68,150
Projected Festival Profit -$30,000
Projected P & C Fundraising -$10,000
SHORTFALL for 2015 ($28,150)

How can you help?
We have a $28,150 shortfall in funds required for the first stage of air conditioning in 2015, so we are asking the school community for their support as we work together towards this goal. With everyone’s support we can make this a reality, so please help out where you can. Below are the three main ways:
1. Tax deductible donation to our School Building Fund
2. Supporting our main fundraiser each year – Festival
3. Attending and supporting our fundraising events

A document outlining more detailed information and how to contribute, will be emailed and sent home this week..

If there's any other ways in which you think you can help, please let us know. We will keep everyone updated in the fortnightly newsletter as to funds raised. Thank you for your support as we move forward with this initiative which will benefit the learning of each and every child in this school.

Tony Clark, P and C President

Coffee Cart
Can you help? We need more volunteers. Last year the coffee cart raised around $18 000 for the school, but we can not continue without help. We welcome any help you can give, and if you need training we can provide all you need to know. In return you get FREE coffee, and FREE hot chocolates for your children.

Currently we are most in need of someone on Wednesday morning from 8-9:15am who can take orders, handle the money and help clean up, so no coffee experience required. Please call Yvette on 0409317553, respond on the Facebook page, or drop in and talk to one of our friendly volunteers.

Yvette, Cart Manager

Stationery & Uniform Stores
OPEN MONDAY & FRIDAY 8-10AM, WEDNESDAY 2-5 PM.
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

Tuckshop
Just a reminder for those mornings where you are running late or the kids “forget” to eat breakfast our Tuckshop can come to your rescue. We serve breakfast from 8am–8:30am. Check out our breakfast menu!

Raisin Toast with butter $1.00
Vegemite or Jam Toast $1.00
Hash Brown $1.00
Yoghurt Crunch $3.00

Liz Mu, Tuckshop Convenor

Trivia Night
Saturday 20 June from 6.30pm
Ferny Grove State School Hall
$12 per person - Tables of 10 (maximum)
ENROLMENTS FOR YEAR 7 2016

Ferny Grove State High School is holding enrolment interviews for Year 7 in 2016 from Monday 1 June to Thursday 4 June between 3.30 and 6.00pm.

Limited spots remain in this round for parents wishing to enrol their students in Year 7 in 2016 who have not yet made an interview booking. Please call the school office on 3550 5777 or email info@fernygroveshs.eq.edu.au to book an appointment. We will be holding further rounds of interviews later in the year as required.

Please note that interviews are a mandatory part of the enrolment process.

Julie Tabor
Acting Principal
Teaching Awards now open
Communities all around Australia can now nominate outstanding teachers for the 2015 ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards (NEiTA).

These awards give an opportunity to recognise and thank teachers and principals for the crucial work they do and making a real difference in education.

The national award recipients will be presented with $5000 professional development grants, helping them to pursue further studies, embark on international study tours and one teacher also gets the opportunity to attend International Space Camp at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Alabama. There is also a Disability Inclusion Grant.


THE OLIVE BRANCH - BROMELIAD SALE!

Thousands of plants to choose from, for full sun to complete shade and everything in between!

Plants starting from just $5.

This is a special event as it marks the opening of our next display area!! Plus, to help people learn more about Bromeliads we will be holding special 'Bromeliad Information Sessions' at 11am and 2pm each day. During these information sessions you will learn how to take off pups and the best mix to pot them into, light and water requirements, how to feed your Bromeliads, making them flower and heaps more!

13th and 14th of June 2015
8am to 3pm

234 Canvey Road, Ferny Grove (Upper Kedron)
For more information please call Bek on 0422 550 262