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### Student Absence

The last week of term 2 was full of action with 3 days of sporting carnivals - a week for us to celebrate with our kids, for parents and staff to enjoy their enthusiasm, and in the end the joy, laughter and effort shown at our sports carnivals means we are all winners.

Mr Shackleton congratulated the students, “for having a go, pushing yourself to do the best you could and for taking the act of winning and losing with good grace, humility and humour - we say WELL DONE.”

Full details of age champions will be in future newsletters, but if you want to see some amazing pictures of these great days head to our Facebook page.

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**Bulk Bill for Term 3 is available here.**

**Payments Due**

- Prep Raw Art  28 July $8.50  
  **Payment due 23 July**
- Year 2 Lego Education Centre  4 & 6 August $18  
  **Payment due 30 July**
- Year 5 Planetarium  5 August $16  
  **Payment due 30 July**
- Summer Sport Years 4 - 6  Commences 7 August $80  
  **Payment due 6 August**
- Summer Sport Years 4 - 6  Commences 7 August $80  
  **Payment due 6 August**
- 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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**And the winner is … sport!**
School Review

Next week we will welcome three Education Queensland School Review personnel into our school for four days. As outlined in previous newsletters the review process is one that every school will undertake every four years and will serve as ‘fresh set of eyes’ analysis of what we do across all areas of teacher, learning and community engagement.

Commencing Tuesday 21 July and concluding Friday 24 July the visitors will take the opportunity to talk to as many people as they can about our school. This may even include a random selection of parents at pick up time. If that happens I’m sure they will introduce themselves and ask about Ferny Grove State School from a parent’s perspective. We welcome your feedback. The outcomes of the review will be published on our website and presented to our School Council to inform our next four year planning cycle.

Facilities

It seems like a holiday never goes by without significant facility upgrades happening. You may have noticed the following.

- The old music room is gone, to be replaced by our very own kitchen garden in the months to come. (Funding from asbestos removal program)
- Senior playground has had a safety makeover to prevent damage during storm events. (School maintenance funding)
- Shade over the 1/2 playground is nearly complete with only the shade sail to be installed (Gambling Community Benefit Fund grant)
- Prep vegie garden is complete thanks to many volunteers and coordination from our parent environmental team. (P and C Prep committee)
- The slope leading down from the Admin block has been retained with sandstone to slow down water flow and create more garden space. (Facilities funding)
- Many smaller garden upgrades are occurring all over the school as our parents go to work on making Ferny Grove a sustainable school. (Hard working volunteers)

Remember our sustainability vision speaks of the following, ‘It is the quest for a sustainable society, one that meets the needs of the present without compromising the capacity of future generations to meet their own needs.’ Our children represent that future generation and we represent the present.

Brett Shackleton, Principal

Prep news

Today we celebrated 100 days of Prep. We have come so far in that short time and learned many new things. All of our Prep classes joined in the celebration. Prep W shared what they will look like when they are 100 years old.
General News

Interschool Summer Sport - Years 4 to 6
This Friday, trials will commence for semester two interschool sport. Years 4 students will participate in the program alongside Years 5 and 6 students. For the next few Friday afternoons all years 4 to 6 children will have an opportunity to find out which sports are being offered and choose those they are interested in trialling. Children have the opportunity to play touch football, cricket, softball, beach volleyball and AFL.

We encourage all children to have a go and will endeavour to place all children interested in playing a sport into a team. Once children are placed into a team, an information sheet and permission form will go home before the first official game commences. The cost is $80 per child and permission and payment is required by the 6th August as teams will commence the season on Friday 7th August. The season runs until the 6th November. Learning new skills, playing as a team, having a go and the enjoyment of participation is promoted through our Friday interschool sport program.

Monday Assembly Dates and Events
We commence Term 3 with several important assemblies. Families are invited to join us. Assemblies commence at 8:50am and take place in the hall.
Monday 20 July - Years 4-6 Academic Parade
Monday 27 July – Winter Sports Awards – Yrs 4-6
Monday 3 August – Student of the Month - Whole school assembly.

School Opinion Survey
A reminder to all families that you still have the opportunity to complete the School Opinion Survey. The closing date is Friday 31 July. A letter was sent home to all families late last term with details regarding how to access the online survey. We encourage all families to complete the survey as this is a valuable gauge of satisfaction with important aspects of schooling.

Belinda Evans, Deputy Principal

School Banking
Welcome back to term 3 and some new rewards. Items available include:
Wallet - Dollarmites moneybox - Scented Pencils - Swimming Bag - Shark Keyring - Headphones - Knuckles Game - These items are still available from previous years. Please include a note in your child’s bank book with name, class and banking number. Thanks.
Also
· ET DVD
· Intergalactic Rocket (like a Vortex)
· Invisible Ink Pens
· Planet handball (limited stock)
· Projector Cup
· Glow in the Dark Solar System NEW THIS TERM
· Cosmic Beam Light Torch NEW THIS TERM

Due to work commitments, one of our volunteers is no longer able to help. WE ARE DESPERATE FOR A NEW VOLUNTEER(s). Please come to the office on Thursday morning from 8:45 even for a trial run. Full training provided, no banking experience required. Lovely ladies to work with. Helps you to remember to bank for your kids!!!

Parent Teacher Interviews
Semester 1 reports went home at the end of Term 2. Over the next few weeks teachers will be conducting parent teacher interviews. These are valuable opportunities for parents and teachers to discuss individual student progress. Shortly classroom teachers will send out information regarding their interview times and parents are encouraged to take the opportunity to attend the interviews.

Belinda Evans, Deputy Principal
Welcome back everybody, I hope you all had a fabulous holiday and managed to get some relaxing moments in around the busyness of kids!!

**Age-Appropriate Pedagogies in Prep**

During terms 3 and 4, our school is participating in a Department of Education and Training project in which we will be looking at the best ways to ensure our Prep teaching and learning practices support all children to be successful learners. A select group of schools, 46 across three regions will work collaboratively with Griffith University to design and implement a school-based research project. These schools, including Ferny Grove will lead the way in refocusing on effective early years pedagogies in Prep. The department will build on the experiences of the schools involved to inform how the state takes this essential work forward in the early years of schooling across the State. Our fabulous Prep team and I will attend the first workshop this Friday, we are of course very excited to be involved in this opportunity. We know how important it is to support young children to develop a love of learning, and how this can lead to better long-term learning and life outcomes. I look forward to providing further information about this special project once it commences.

Jacki Schott, A/Deputy Principal

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**Languages news**

Guten Tag,

Wilkommen im Feenland! (Welcome to Fairy Land). This term our theme in German is fairy tales and folk tales. This is a fun unit, as it combines German language learning with cultural learning while at the same time tapping into the children’s imagination and love of fantasy.

Just a word about German Immersion at Ferny Grove State High School: The Immersion quota is filling up fast. Many of our FGSS students have signed up and have been accepted already. If your year 6 child has received an invitation to consider joining the Immersion program, it means that their marks have reflected the capability to succeed in this program. If you are still thinking about your child’s options and you need advice or some explanation of what happens in Immersion, please don’t hesitate to get in touch with me or Fiona Hudghton (Head of Dept Languages) at FGSHS. Auf Wiedersehen.

Andrea Guerra, Languages Specialist

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**Footsteps dance classes**

As part of their Arts curriculum, our year 3 students have been enjoying their Footsteps dance classes during the last term. Lots of practice for coordination and teamwork and entertaining for students and teachers alike.
Congratulations to our Junior marching band for opening the winter sports carnivals with such pomp and ceremony. After such an exhilarating performance we knew the days would be successful.

Senior Band will be performing on parade for the next three weeks. Members will need to meet Mrs Haringcaspel at the hall at 8:30 am. On Monday 20\textsuperscript{th} July and Monday 3 August the children will need to wear their performance uniform for both the Academic and Student of The Month Assemblies.

Junior band will have their first assembly performance on Monday 10 August and as this is their first assembly performance children are asked to wear their band uniform.

**Expressive Arts Week- Showcase**

**Date Claimer:- Thursday 10 September**

Expressive Arts Showcase takes place on Thursday 10 September. This is our annual instrumental and choral musical evening. All children learning an instrument plus choir members will be performing throughout the evening. Senior Choir and all instrumental music students will require their performance uniform for the evening’s concert.

Performance uniform consists of:-

Blue performance shirt, black long pants, black socks and black enclosed leather look shoes, no joggers. The performance shirt and pants can be purchased from the uniform shop.

Junior choir members wear their school uniform.

This is always a spectacular evening and not to be missed. Our children will amaze you with their performances.

Watch further newsletters for updates.

Belinda Evans, Deputy Principal
Defence news

Catch up Club News
Welcome back to term 3. We look forward to another fun filled term. Check out the Catch up Club activities’ timetable in your classrooms and join us for craft, games and lots of fun. This term we celebrate Father’s Day, so be sure to join us in weeks 7 and 8 to make something special for your Dad.

During term two our Defence parents, students and their friends took part in a project to make special gifts for orphan children in Africa. The children spent many lunch breaks colouring in pictures of Australian animals to create colourful placemats and our Defence parents gave up their Wednesday mornings to create beautiful pillowcases. On the last Wednesday of term 2, Michael Jeh visited the Catch up Club and spoke to the children about the orphanage and about what life is like for the children in Africa. Michael kindly delivered the gifts to the orphanage for us. We would like to thank our Defence parents and children for their dedication, compassion and the enthusiasm they showed in their determination to complete their projects and make something special for children who have so little. We hope you enjoy the photos.

Rex D. Dog’s visit to Ferny Grove S.S.
During the last week of Term 2, the Defence students in Prep and Year 1 were visited by Rex D. Dog from the Department of Defence Housing Australia. The children had a wonderful time meeting Rex and participating in some fun art and craft activities that had them making sock puppets and learning how to draw Rex. The children also participated in the reading of the story ‘Sticking Together’, which deals with the issue of parental absence due to deployment, a subject many of our defence students are currently experiencing first hand. We would like to thank the lovely people from DHA for visiting our school and for the generous gifts they gave the children.
We look forward to Rex’s next visit. He will be coming to our school to meet the Defence students in Years 2 and 3 in the near future.

Jessica De la Jara & Liz Heddershaw
Defence School Transition Aides
Arts news

Expressive Arts Week
The Annual FGSS Talent Quest is one of the many exciting events we have to look forward to in Expressive Arts Week (7 -11 September) this term. Students wishing to take part in the Talent Quest heats need to begin rehearsing ASAP as nomination forms are due to Mrs Smith or Miss Batch by Friday 31st July. Nomination forms can be found in the front office from next Monday. The heats will take place in the hall at 1st break from Monday 10th August – Thurs 27th August.

Students wishing to participate in the Visual Arts Competition are also invited to collect entry forms from the office from next Monday. Students are invited to enter artwork into each of the following categories (limit of one artwork per category): Visual Art (painting, drawing, etc), Sculpture/Technology (3D object/construction), Textiles (art made from fabrics, fibres, etc). Further information can be found on the entry forms. Art competition entries are due to Mrs Cash (1/2C) by Monday 31st August. We look forward to seeing some great talents showcased in both of these events!

Library news
Premier’s reading challenge
Our Premier’s reading challenge is well under way, things like this give us the opportunity to remind our children how wonderful reading can be. Please encourage your students to participate and remind them to include the books they read on the record sheet. If your student needs a form you can download one at http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/pdfs/individual-reader-record-form.pdf or they can come to the library and collect one.

Activities in the Library
All students are welcome to come and participate in our activities first break every Tuesday and Thursday. Activities will be listed on the Library Update notice board in each class. There is an “Ideas” box in the library for students to request activities they would like to do.

Library Vision
At Ferny Grove State school we are very lucky to have an amazing library space filled with many wonderful books. We don’t want this just to be a great building filled with books though, we want our library to be a place where every student can feel that they belong and to feel safe and happy.

- We encourage students to come to the library to engage with their friends or to make new connections with other students and form new friendships, so unlike other libraries our library is a vibrant noisy space at break time.
- Our aim is to make this a space where students can be involved in a diverse range of activities that interest and excite them. We have a selection of board games, craft activities, quizzes, competitions, iPads and obviously lots of books to be read. Some activities are student led whilst other are supported by staff.
- As staff we hope to support and encourage our students to grow in confidence and to empower them to make decisions of their own.
- We encourage students to be involved in shaping their library to be what they want it to be. Our library monitors meet to discuss ways their library can be improved, our students are involved in choosing books to have in the library and also help to shape the activities conducted at break times.

I am looking for some people to join our ‘Friends of the library’ group help make our library a wonderful place for our students to thrive. Please contact me if you are interested ldunn89@eq.edu.au or 3550 5319

Leane Dunn, Library Coordinator

Chloe and Imogen need your help. They are gathering information for their Bright Sparks Project. They’d like to provide a collection of school-branded wet weather gear for our Uniform Store. Please help by completing this short survey. https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7P5G9WY
Important Dates

July
21 IMPS Meeting - 6pm Staffroom
August
10 FAST Meeting - 7pm Library
11 Success Meeting - 7pm Library
19 P & C Meeting - 7pm Library

Coffee Cart
Like us on Facebook we need just 11 more likes to reach 200 and then we can give away FREE drinks. You will also find out about any giveaways, competitions, and specials we have.
Have you thought about volunteering at the coffee cart? it is a great way to help out, and you get FREE coffee (or hot choc). We love teaching new people.

Stationery & Uniform Store
OPEN MONDAY & FRIDAY 8-10AM, WEDNESDAY 2-5 PM
Sale of Microfibre Tracksuit Pants only 10% off. Reminder if Band Uniforms needed for Junior Band performance on August 10 and Expressive Arts Showcase please come in and purchase now in case we need to order in special sizes or extra uniforms.
Madonna Morton, Uniform Convenor
3550 5359 (0409 272 062)
uniformstore@fernygrovepandc.com.au
Charyl Cowles, Stationery Convenor
3550 5359 (0431 265 068)
stationery@fernygrovepandc.com.au

Tuckshop
Welcome back! Check out our new menu! Lots of nutritious and delicious food available everyday.
Start your day with our $1.00 Breakfast 8am – 8:30am counter sales only. Warm Milo and Hash brown are very popular.
Watch out for our scroll of the day (Monday) and Quiche of the Day (Wednesday) only $3.50 each.
New snack attack (cheese, crackers and Vegetable sticks) $1.50 per bag.
Due to the low numbers of volunteers we have had to employ a second casual convenor. With an increase in suppliers cost we have unfortunately had to increase some of our prices to cover cost. If you are available to volunteer in out tuckshop once a month please come and see Liz at the tuckshop.
As always thanks for those who volunteers, your help are very much appreciated.

Liz Mu, Tuckshop Convenor

Festival update
Term 3 and we are going to be ramping things up - keep an eye out for armband letters and raffle opt out forms. We have now filled our spots for Year 4 and year 6 convenors. Year 6 is doing a Photo Booth and Year 4 are doing “Jar Junction” (like a bottle stall but really cool - see below!)
Still looking for someone to help with: Community Showcase, Market stalls and managing our Signage (putting up banners and signs!) Email Vanessa at vbair4@eq.edu.au if you can help!

Year 4 stall at Festival
Jar Junction— Everyone's a winner!
Collecting jars!
Big ones, little ones, fat ones, tall ones - any size as long as they are clean and have a lid.
Bring in empty or filled with something cool! (Hair ties, Lego, nail polish etc)
Collection Point:
Year 4 - K Block (Middle room)
Contact Shona Wilson at shonawilson72@icloud.com for further info or ideas on fillers.
Also work on cleaning out any books, DVDs, good quality toys and games that you no longer need ready to donate for our Prep Treasure Trove.
Take cuttings from your garden and pot them up for our Garden stall.
Remember all money raised at our festival this year will go to the air conditioning project.

Air Conditioning Project
Funds Raised - $2003
Target $28,150
Thanks to all those who have contributed so far! Donation forms are available on our website and can be returned to the office.
$40 per person  * Great raffle prizes  * Festive Fancies stall
Includes 3 course Christmas lunch + drinks + goodies
RSVP to Shona at shonawilson72@icloud.com or 0403 333 650

Wahminda Park Scout Group presents

TRIVIA NIGHT!

At Ferney Grove State School Hall
Help send our scouts to the
Australian Jamboree 2016

Hosted by Andrew McMicking

Heaps of prizes

Got a group together & have fun. Theme - Come dressed anything S or J

BBQ available 5.30 - 6.30pm  Trivia 6.30pm sharp
$10 a head - Tables up to 10 people

Sat July 18th 6.30pm

C&K Arana Hills Kindergarten

35th Anniversary Celebrations

25 July 2pm till 4pm

Come and have a play for our 35th Birthday!
Come and share your kindy experiences with past, present and future families!

At the event we are having face painting, balloon animals, afternoon tea, live music and a historical photographic display of the centre. Everyone is welcome as it is for past, current and future families.

315 Olearia St West, Everton Hills

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