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Student Absence

Bulk Bill for Term 4 is available here.

Payments Due

Year 3 Fame Theatre Performance $22 - 24 November
Due 12 November

Year 5 Raw Art $8 - 18 November
Due 12 November

Prep Timbarra Show $7 - 1 December
Due 19 November

Year 1 Viva La Musica $8 - 3 December
Due 19 November

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.

Remembering Daniel

A sea of red surges down McGinn Road for Walk for Daniel Day.

Our 2015 Walk for Daniel continued our tradition of support for the Daniel Morcombe Foundation, as well as highlighting the Recognise, Report and React safety message in our community. Our great partnership with Ferny Grove State High School, saw our sea of 800 red-shirted students, walk down McGinn Road to be warmly greeted by Year 7 students and staff at the High School. After a talk in the HS Hall to reinforce the safety messages, and with Daniel Morcombe in the hearts and minds of everyone present, we headed back to the primary school. A great reminder of our school value of Care and Compassion, and also of what it means to be part of an amazing community like Ferny Grove. A big thanks to the staff and parents who corralled the masses, to the High School for having us, and a special thanks to our local Police contingent who made it possible to close McGinn Road for this important annual event.
On parade

Our November Student of the Month parade celebrated students who have displayed our school values of effort, cooperation, learning, responsibility, respect and care & compassion. This included our year level winners and our Deputy’s Special award. Congratulations to the deserving recipients! Our special guest, Michelle Morrice, mother of student Alec, accepted a cheque for the funds raised by the Student Council from our latest disco. The funds will go to the Hope for Alec campaign to support research into San Filippo Syndrome (https://www.sanfilippo.org.au/). Care and compassion in action.

Instrumental music shines

While running her first Ferny Grove State School Assembly, Mrs Stubbings, had the pleasure of listening to our Junior band perform and to present the trophies from our recent MusicFest performances. Congratulations to all of our Instrumental Music students and their music teachers for their hard work. See more information in the Instrumental Music news.
Early years news

Age Appropriate Pedagogies
I have discussed in previous newsletters about Ferny Grove’s involvement in the Age-appropriate Pedagogies Action Research project with Griffith University and Professor Bev Fluckiger. I am very excited to announce that a film crew will be coming to Ferny Grove this Friday to film the amazing practice of the three Prep teachers involved in this project - Chris Wood, Frances Ree and Leanda Gejas.

The purpose of the vignettes will be to highlight and showcase the characteristics of effective age-appropriate pedagogies and share these examples with Prep teachers across the state. Our involvement in this project has certainly confirmed that our practice is age-appropriate and that we demonstrate varied practices that take into account the age, background and abilities of individual learners as well as the interest of both teachers and children.

There are three crucial elements that must be evident in the early years classroom; it must be learner centred, the learning must be scaffolded and the children must be engaged actively in their learning. We believe that children learn best through material that they are learning is useful to them and in an environment where they are active, engaged, constructive and interactive. It is a privilege to have Griffith university film the amazing practices that are happening here in our Prep rooms. Well done team.

Before/After school supervision
It appears that children are playing before and after school in the year 1/2 playground unsupervised. I will be monitoring this over the next few weeks. Please ensure that if you are dropping your children at school that they make their way to the tuckshop area as they are supervised there from 8:10-8:35. Children are only permitted to play before and after school if their parent is there watching them.

Jacki Schott, A/Deputy Principal

Whooping Cough Update
We now have more than 25 confirmed cases of Whooping Cough in the school. If your child has been coughing (even without the “whoop” or any severity) we ask that you check with their GP, as immunised children often present with less severe symptoms. A simple swab at the doctors can confirm whether or not they have Whooping Cough, but students should stay home until they are cleared. If confirmed, students must be excluded from school until they have completed 5 days of antibiotics (as per the Public Health Act for contagious diseases). We would appreciate your help in containing the spread of this highly contagious condition by giving careful consideration to any symptoms your child may be exhibiting.
Middle Years news

Michelle Mitchell from Youth Excel

Youth Excel are currently delivering our sexual health program for all Year 5 and 6 students. Michelle worked as a teacher before establishing Youth Excel in 2000, a charity which delivers life skills education and mentoring programs to schools nationwide.

Her work has been featured on The Today Show, Today Tonight and Channel 10 Morning News, as well as countless print media including The Age, The Courier Mail and Dolly magazine. She is a regular contributor to Get Ahead Kids, Prime Time Radio and 96.5fm’s radio segments.

Many of you would have seen some of the Michelle Mitchell blogs I used to put in the High School newsletter. Although many of them are directed at teenagers, quite often the issues being discussed are equally relevant to younger children. For each newsletter, I will endeavour to include some age appropriate “good advice” blogs. This fortnight, due to many conversations I’ve been having with our Years 4-6 students, it’s timely to include some information about staying connected with your child’s online world. If you would like to access all her blogs please go to her site michellemitchell.org or like her page on Facebook.

Being Involved in Your Child’s Online World

Young people are building community around games and social media platforms. They are connecting to thousands of people around the world, but are they connecting to you?

Quick tips for parents who want to stay connected:

- Don’t freak out about what you see online. What young people are talking about online is often no different to what you talked about with your friends without your parents’ presence. You are just seeing what your parents didn’t see. I am sure you swore and discussed sex…didn’t you?

- Monitor, don’t stalk. If your child is 12 years old you have to be really involved in their online world. If they are 17 years old you have to let it go. By invading privacy you are only going to push them away.

- Know who is validating them. Teenagers get a sense of validation from having people ‘like’ what they are doing. Remind them, “It is not about how many likes you get, it is about how much you are liked by those who like you.”

- Model good relationships. While social media has led to a boom in adolescent communication it has also led to a breakdown in meaningful connection. It is only when our kids are off social media that they can focus on building meaningful connection with others. Set aside some tech free time together each week and do something exciting. I think our young people often forget how exciting the real world can be! From Michelle Mitchell

Mobile Phones

Unfortunately there have been some recent incidences of student mobile phones going missing. According to our responsible behaviour plan “bringing personal technology devices to school is not encouraged by the school because of the potential for theft and general distraction and/or disruption associated with them. However if they are brought to school they must be turned off and out of sight during assemblies or classes. Personal technology devices may not be used at morning tea and lunch breaks or during school hours.”

If a student brings a mobile phone to school, they do so at their own risk. Please be assured that if a student needs to call home, they are always able to use the office phone.

Please don’t hesitate to contact me should you have any concerns or queries about your young person.

Katie Stubbings, A/Deputy Principal
Kstub5@eq.edu.au
**Defence news**

**Catch up Club News**
Defence students and their friends have been busy making masks and creating some very funny Minions at Catch up club over the past two weeks.

Join us in week 5 to make and decorate a paper helicopter.

During week 6 of term 4 we will be focusing on Remembrance Day. All defence students will be participating in the Remembrance Day Parade on Wednesday 11th November at 10am in the school hall. We would like to invite all defence parents to attend this parade followed by Morning Tea. Students can also join us at Catch up Club to learn more about the significance of Remembrance Day and to complete a fun quiz for their chance at a lucky dip draw.

Join us in week 7 and get creative decorating your very own biscuit. The best part is that you get to eat your tasty creations!

We hope to see many of you and your friends on Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays at first break.

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

**MusicFest**

Congratulations to our three ensembles who recently performed in MusicFest. Such a wonderful accomplishment!

- Senior Strings Ensemble – Gold
- Senior Band – Silver
- Junior Band – Gold

Special thank you to Mrs Seneviratne, Miss Gadd, Mr Schick and Mrs Haringcaspel who have worked so hard with all of our students. Thank you also to all the parents and families who transported students and attended on the evenings. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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**Beginners Music Evening—Thursday, 5 November**

Ferny Grove SS is hosting the cluster Beginners’ Information Evening for instrumental music this year. The coffee cart will be open from 5:30pm. Parents will be able to peruse the trade exhibitors and collect brochures. All beginner instrumental students for 2016 must attend to collect information. If you are unable to attend on the evening, please collect this information from the office from Friday 6 November.

**Junior Band and Junior Strings Performing (FULL UNIFORM) - Students to arrive at 5.30pm**

All parents and students who are not involved in the cluster information evening for beginners can leave after the Junior Band and Strings perform.

**Weeks 9 & 10**

NO band rehearsals and NO instrumental lessons (week 8 will be the last lessons) Therefore week 8 instrument returns will be requested.

**Instrument returns end of term/Advice purchasing 2016**

The school loans the following instruments to students selected to participate in the program for a nominal fee. The instruments underlined can continue to be hired for the entire duration of the child’s participation in the instrumental program due to the expense of these instruments.

All other instruments are only hired for the initial twelve months. After the first year parents are required to purchase or hire an instrument for their child.

- **STRINGS** - violin, viola, cello, double bass
- **WOODWIND** - flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, bass clarinet, tenor saxophone
- **BRASS** - trumpet, trombone, French horn, euphonium, baritone, tuba, bass guitar

If you are starting to think about purchasing an instrument at the end of your hire period, please remember that buying 2nd hand has an advice to “BE CAREFUL”.

If you have any queries, please speak to your instrumental music teachers.

**IMPS**

Next meeting is Term 1 - 2016 with date to be advised.

*Katie Stubbings, A/Deputy Principal*
The Dragons of Spring
Less than 3 weeks to go until opening night! Tickets will “go live” on Flexischools from Tuesday afternoon next week. Tickets can be purchased at the door, but only if available. Don’t miss out!

Mr Sandilands & SPAG BOL

Defence news

Have a partner going on deployment?

Deployments can be challenging, even for the strongest of relationships. Come along to a session & learn some strategies aimed at enhancing communication and connection throughout deployment!

This includes information from the Family/SMART program.

Where: Gallipoli Barracks Community Centre

Rabbit Street, Gallipoli Barracks, Enoggera

When: 12-00 - 2:00 pm or 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Date: Tuesday 17 November 2015

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

RSPo required!

Please contact DDO Brisbane on 3354 0500 or email us at dco.brisbane@defence.gov.au to register your interest.

RSVP required by GOB Thursday 12 November 2015.

Some more photos from our Walk for Daniel...
Sports news
Swimming Carnival – 2015

FGSS Inter-house swimming carnival will take on a slightly different format this year, with the carnival being held on only 1 day for all students in Years 3-6 (rather than over 2 days for Year 3& 4 and 5-7 students as in the past). Traditionally, the carnival has offered a balance of participation and championship events across most strokes, with ribbons awarded to the fastest 3 swimmers in each event (M&F), age championship medals awarded to the highest points scoring swimmer (M&F) in each age group (8, 9, 10, 11 & 12yr), and trophies award to the House with the highest total of points won for both participation and championship races. This tradition will continue, however we are aiming to streamline the program in order to conduct the competition on one day only. A timetable of events will appear in the newsletter prior to the carnival, so please note the different schedule.

In previous years, children have nominated to swim championship races prior to the carnival (50m for 10, 11 & 12 years / 25m for 8 & 9 years). Championship races score more points than participation races and count towards the age championship, but the strokes need to be swum correctly and without stopping. This year, swimmers can decide on the day whether to swim championship races and do not need to pre-nominate. Both championship and participation races count towards the overall house trophy, so children are encouraged to swim in as many events as possible.

Students in Year 2 who have or will turn 8 years old in 2015, will not be attending the carnival unless they are very good swimmers, able to correctly swim all championship strokes (25m Freestyle, 25m Breaststroke, 25m Backstroke), and have completed a carnival nomination form available from Mr Kirby (PE teacher). Year 2 teachers will not be attending the carnival, so any 8 year old swimmers from year 2 will travel to and from the pool with a year 3 class, and be supervised by that teacher.

Further information will be provided prior to the Carnival either via the newsletter or on the School Facebook page. If you have any questions please contact me, at school or via email gkirb3@eq.edu.au.

Gary Kirby, PE Specialist
Our library has been looking great with some of the Halloween decorations our students made. They all loved the special spooky theme for the week. SH won the guess the lollies in the jar competition.

This week we will be doing some fun craft activities on Thursday and next week we will start making some great Christmas trim which we will use to decorate the library for Christmas. If you have any pine cones we could use please drop them into the library.

Leane Dunn, Library Coordinator

Read out rocks!

Every week some very committed Year 11 students from Ferny Grove SHS volunteer time on their day off to come and read with our Prep students! The joy of sharing books and having special visitors means so much to our Preps! Many of the volunteers are past students of Ferny Grove State School! For some more pictures head to our Facebook page!

Save the date!

Another fundraiser coming up - just in time to do all of your Christmas shopping! Still looking for stallholders - email fgssmarkets@gmail.com if you are interested.
Important Dates
November
9 FAST Meeting - 7pm Library
18 P & C Meeting - 7pm Library
27 Prep Art Show - 6pm Hall
December
4 Twilight Market - 4.30pm Hall

Coffee Cart
Don’t forget you can pre-purchase your coffee card now. Pay for 9 coffees up front and get one free! A great idea for teacher’s gifts. See the Coffee Cart or the tuckshop to purchase.

Stationery & Uniform Store
2016 YEAR 1 TO 6 BOOKLISTS will be sent home on Wednesday, 11 November. Prices effective immediately. The booklists will also be available on the Ferny Grove State School website under “Bookshop” OR on Qschools (or Website) under “Forms & Documents”. Please read the Terms & Conditions (which will also be available separately on the school website or Qschools) on the reverse side of your booklists, as an explanation of our DISCOUNTED BOOKLIST PACKS is included, as well as information on how to order, order deadlines etc. NB: If you wish to collect your order in January, please note that orders are placed with our suppliers in December so to ensure stock availability your order should be placed by FRIDAY, 11 December.

‘BACK TO SCHOOL’ HOURS
commence FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER - please keep these handy for reference.
From Friday 13 November to Friday 11 December 2015 the Stores will open at the following times:
- 8-10am MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY mornings
- 2-5pm WEDNESDAY afternoons
January 2016 opening hours:
- Wednesday, 20 January 8-11am and 4-6pm
- Thursday, 21 January 4-6pm
- Friday, 22 January 9am-12 noon
- Wednesday, 27 January 8-10am & 2-5pm
- Thursday, 28 January 8-10am
- Friday, 29 January 8-10am

ASSISTANCE IN THE STORES
Help STILL required on a number of days (up to & including 25 January). Please go to the online link to sign up:
https://www.volunteersignup.org/3FHH7
or contact Charyl or Madonna directly.

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS
All Parents (including Parents of Year 6 band students) wishing to sell their uniforms should complete the appropriate form, include it in the bag of uniforms & deposit the bag in the appropriate container just inside the Uniform store AS SOON AS POSSIBLE (don’t forget your bank details). We need to be able to process the paperwork for these BEFORE the busy ‘back to school’ period begins. School uniforms from all year levels can also be brought in. PLEASE WASH ALL UNIFORMS FIRST. (Only uniforms sold in the store can be accepted. We cannot accept chain store items)

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
Queensland Tuckshop Day is this Friday 6th November - it’s time for us to shine and to appreciate our valuable volunteers.

Jodie Bates  David Cash
Katrina Collins  Bianca Wyllie
Uli Esser  Simone Howes
Andrea Netto  Bronwyn Cheales
Tania Hyde  Jane Watkinson
Jodee Harris  Melissa Halliday
Marita O’ Donnell-Adams  Bec Higgins
Carolyn Giddens  Amy Martin
Cherrie McMillen  Katrina Shields

We will decorate our tuckshop to complement our beautiful new signage - thanks to our artistic Prep students who did an excellent job.

Guest Volunteers this Friday our State Member of Parliament, Mark Furner and P & C President, Tony Clark.

Rainbow cookies special $1.00 via Flexischools (starts Friday while stock lasts)

Tuckshop are recruiting for new volunteers for 2016, please come see us anytime. Last, but not least, thanks to all for supporting our tuckshop.

Liz Mu, Senior Managing Tuckshop Convenor
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tuckshop@fernygrovepandc.com.au
Community news

Uniform Information – YEAR 7, 2016

Uniform Store & Second-Hand Uniform Store
Open: 7.30am – 9.00am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

Extended trading hours for November 2015, December 2015 and January 2016 are listed below. An updated price list will be sent out with the stationery order forms in October 2015.

Please bring your student with you for outfitting so that our Specialised Uniform Fitters can make the right recommendations. If outfitting a new student please allow 20-30 minutes. All Uniform items will need to be purchased when the student is outfitted.

To ensure your student is properly outfitted with everything they need for the year ahead it is recommended that you get organised in Term 4 when most of the uniform stock is readily available. If you purchase any new uniform stock before the 9th December 2015, you will go in the draw to win a $200 Weareco Uniform Voucher that can be redeemed in the FGSHS Uniform Store at a later date. Please fill in your details in-store when purchasing your new items.

If you are concerned about your student’s garment size changing over the holidays, please note that we operate a full returns policy. As long as the garment has not been worn, labelled or washed and still has the original store labels intact, we will exchange for a different size.

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Friday 4th December
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January 2016
Saturday 16th January
Monday 18th January - Wednesday 20th January
Thursday 21st January/Friday 22nd January
Saturday 23rd January
Monday 25th January
Tuesday 26th January - Australia Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 27th January - Friday 29th January
9:00am - 3:00pm
12:00pm - 7:00pm
8:00am - 12:00pm
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7:30am - 11:30am
STORE CLOSED
7:30am - 11:30am

Thereafter Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Please check School website for more details.
St Vincent de Paul
needs YOU!!

Do you have a flair for retail?
Would you like some work experience?
Would you like to help in your local community?

We are urgently seeking volunteers to help us out at our newly refurbished local Vinnies store Grovely, on Saturdays & Sundays.

We would love to hear from you!

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