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Student Absence

Bulk Bill for Term 1 is available here.

Payments Due
Year 5 & 6 Winter Sport $80
Begins 4 March
Due 10 March
Prep Bunyaville $20.00
15 & 22 March
Due 10 March

Year 4 Raw Art $8
16 March
Due 10 March

Year 6 Camp Moogerah
Final payment of $210
21-24 March
Due 10 March

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.

Footloose Friday a hit

Our new Active School Travel program got off to a great start last week with our first Footloose Friday and the launch of the program. Students were welcomed on to the oval from walking and riding points in the community, with some great tunes, some fun games and healthy breakfast options with fruit cups and smoothies!

Two thirds of our students either walked, cycled, scootered, took public transport or carpooled which is a huge number!! Footloose Fridays will continue every week. Students who travel actively are eligible to get their passport stamped (only once a week, only Friday) and will be able to start collecting awards after four Fridays (will be after the holidays). If you can help escort a walking carpool on Fridays, let us know!
Student of the Month Parade

A huge congratulations to this month’s recipients of our Student of the Month awards. These awards are given to students who exemplify our school values, and they were presented with their certificates on our Whole School Assembly. We were also entertained on parade by our Percussion Ensemble and our Senior Band.

Student of the Month recipients were:
- Prep - Tanisha H
- Year 1 - Jasper J.
- Year 2 - Alex D
- Year 3 - Merrick W.
- Year 4 - Yuna H.
- Year 5 - Finley M.
- Year 6 - Hannah P.

From the Principal

Over the last 6 years Ferny Grove State School, and more importantly the people who make up our school, have been deeply committed to creating a strong sense of community. We want our school to be a place not just where kids are dropped off in the morning and collected at the end of each day, but where our families feel connected. In so many ways this has been a significant success, with our students connected locally, nationally and internationally. This was once again in evidence last Friday morning with our first Footloose Friday. It was wonderful to see so many walkers, scooters and bike riders joining us on the oval before school.

At FGSS we define connectedness as ‘the extent to which people feel valued, supported, involved and engaged. Making links to the real world and preparing learners to participate as active global citizens is central to this principle’. We do this in very practical ways. Most of these ways work well, while others we learn from. Right now we have partnerships with a range of organisations who support us and in turn are supported by us. These partnerships often change and come and go but we are always looking for new ways to teach our young people that a sense of belonging to community is one of the most powerful tools for developing resilient, caring and educated citizens. Schools rely on so many people who give of their time voluntarily to make this possible; people who are willing to put their own needs aside to focus on how we can make a difference for kids. Thank you to everyone who volunteers in some way, shape or form at our school. There are hundreds of you and we couldn’t do it without you.

Another example of that sense of community will be seen on Friday when our Shave for Cure event will occur in the hall. A number of our students and staff have made the commitment to raise funds for this cause and it will be quite a morning. Congratulations to all involved.

Brett Shackleton, Principal
Sports news

Cross Country
It is time again for our school Cross Country. Classes are busily training for what is a popular event on our school calendar.

This year the event will be conducted on Tuesday 15th March as per the timetable below.

Session times for each age group are as follows:

9:00 am 12 yr olds
10:00 am 11 yr olds
12:20 pm 10 yr olds
1:50 pm 9 yr olds

# The top three from each age group for boys and girls will qualify to represent our school at the District event on Tuesday 19th April.

## As usual children will be expected to run in suitable footwear.

N.B. Running barefoot or in running spikes will not be allowed.

### 9 year olds do not compete at the District Carnival but will be competing for Age Champion.

Don’t forget Footloose Friday again this week!

Fridays at Ferny Grove State School will never be the same. We are asking everyone to really think about how they travel to and from school on ‘Footloose Friday’ as part of our Active School Travel program.

All students will receive an Active School Travel passport. Students who actively travel to schools on Fridays will collect stamps and earn lots of great rewards this year.

We know that everyone is different, so there are lots of ways you can actively travel to school. How will you actively travel to school?:

Walk * Cycle or Scoot * Public Transport * Carpool

Date Claimers

21-24 March
Year 6 Camp

24 March
Prep - Year 2
Easter hat Parade

General news

School banking
School banking day in week 9 only, last week before Easter Holidays will be Wednesday 23rd March. This is so we can return the bank books to your children before the holidays.

School Banking Coordinators

School disco
If you want to bust some moves at school, come along to our School Disco! This term’s Disco is on Thursday 17th March. Tickets are on sale Monday – Thursday next week in the Tuckshop area, before school.

Tickets are $5 and snowcones will be on sale for $2. There will be 2 sessions:

Prep - Year 3 are 5-6.30pm
Year 4-6 are 7-8.30pm

Student Council

Chaplaincy news

Who doesn't love a good Pancake? If you like the feeling of being connected to an amazing school, come along and see how we connect with others in the community. The Grove church who support Chaplaincy volunteer their time and bless us with their kindness and of course Pancakes, cold drinks and fruit. I’m looking forward to meeting lots of these wonderful people myself as I am new to Ferny Grove. All we ask is a Gold Coin Donation which continues to support the Chaplaincy Service which exist at our school. Everyone longs to be part of something bigger than themselves. This is an excellent event to be a part of and see others serving alongside each other. We have six students from 5T who have also put up their hands to help make this a great event.

The Pancakes are available from 7.30 - 8.20 am. You will also be able to get a great coffee from the Coffee Cart. If you haven’t met me, please come and introduce yourself as I hope to get to know as many parents as possible.

Alexia Hoffman, School Chaplain

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Year 4-6 students have been very busy over the last few weeks and are really hitting their strides in their new playground areas and in their classes. Having such active breaks while the weather has still been great has seen many of our students eating all their lunch at first break. Please encourage your children to pack more food so that they have enough for second break. Understandably, last session is when the students are most tired, so they need this fuel to see them through.

Please remember also that students are unsupervised before 8:10am and after 3pm, if on the school grounds then. All students, when not with their parents, must go to the tuckshop area in the morning if arriving at school before 8:30am. We have also noticed some students staying on the school grounds around buildings and in the playgrounds after 3pm and sometimes after 4pm. Please ensure your student comes straight home, or where it has been arranged for them to go. We can’t provide supervision for them outside these times and we are worried for their safety.

Finally this week, I’d like to touch on social media and online interaction. As we know, the internet provides a whole new world for us and our children. This is very exciting for our students, particularly those who are interacting with technology throughout the day in our iPad classes and with our banks of laptops. We often see social media issues as more of a concern for teenagers, and this is definitely the case, however, clear communication and control over what students can and can’t do in the primary years is where we must start. This week’s blog from Michelle Mitchell (see Page 10) clearly outlines a process parents can take before issues arise.

As always, please communicate any concerns or issues you might have with us sooner rather than later.

Have a great week.

Katie Stubbings, A/Deputy Principal

**Year 3 Crazy Science Show Incursion**

On February 23rd, the Year 3 students were amazed by the Crazy Science Show incursion. Performer Richard Scholes wowed the crowd with an erupting batch of Elephant’s Toothpaste, levitating giant globes and ping pong balls, pocket rockets and enormous bubbles. He also helped to clean the Hall ceiling with a roll of toilet paper and a garden blower and then grossed out students with some wee-coloured liquid and a nappy.

Students learned the science behind the chemical reactions and physics principles and the relationship between science and magic. They were entertained to see how polymers work and a magic bag which could keep separate the 4 coloured liquids poured into it. Chanting for more was near-deafening as the show finished leaving students curious to try these and more experiments at home. Parents, watch out for plenty of mess and fun at home.
Early years news

Effective Age Appropriate Pedagogies

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) sets out the curriculum (what is taught) leaving teachers to make decisions about pedagogies (how it is taught). Last year our Prep team were involved in a project together with 40 other schools across Queensland and Griffith University to look at exactly that, pedagogies that are age appropriate. Our focus for the project was ‘Developing children’s oral language and phonological awareness through age-appropriate pedagogies’. This will continue to be our priority in the Prep year with the school investing in extra Speech Language Pathology time with our fabulous Marissa Cowland, who works very closely with our Prep team. Research does inform that the key predictive skills and abilities of later literacy development are oral language, phonological awareness and concepts of print. Each prep student has completed SPAT-R testing so that we can identify the students who may require some additional support in this area. You may have already received a speech language screening note, please be reassured this does not mean you need to be concerned, if your child does require additional support you will be notified.

Through our involvement with the project we have ensured a balance of the 11 characteristics of Effective Age-Appropriate Pedagogies and I will go further into detail in upcoming newsletters. We also believe it is important to have a balance of activities in our rooms that are both planned and spontaneous and both adult initiated and child initiated. Learning should be fun and children should be actively engaged in their learning.

Our findings from the project last year were:
- increased levels of engagement, enjoyment and independence
- children saw themselves as learners, collaborators, problem solvers and critical thinkers
- data clearly showed improvement in the areas of oral language development and phonological awareness

Our Prep rooms are certainly fun and busy. I can also say from a leader’s perspective that our teachers are so passionate about what they do every day. Their enjoyment is so evident and I am sure they sleep very well at night.

Playgrounds before and after school

It has become evident that some children are beginning to play in our playgrounds before and after school unsupervised. Children must be at the tuckshop area and are supervised from 8:10 until class time. The admin team will begin patrolling the playgrounds in the morning and will be notifying parents if children are found in out of bounds areas before or after school. Can I please ask also that children are not playing in the Prep area before school even with supervision. The Prep team are busy setting up equipment for the day and it would really help them out.

Thank you.

Prep Pick up
If you pick your Prep child up at the end of the day, please remember to be on time. Not only do our little people worry if you are not there, our teachers often have meetings they need to attend.

Gotchas
These students were caught doing the right thing and receive an iceblock voucher for Tuckshop
Samantha 3SB; Tyler 2C; Eliza 2OV; Joshua 2B. Congratulations!

Early Years Assembly
Again this year all year three students will all have the opportunity to present our Early Years Assembly. I absolutely love giving them this opportunity to speak in front of a (huge) audience. Thank you to my 8 presenters last week from 3SB. Kaylay, Harmon, Joel, Mishca, Samantha, Jasmine, Chloe and William.

Hearing screenings
All Prep parents will be receiving a note home shortly from Hear and Say Paediatric Hearing Services regarding a hearing screening at school. There will be no costs associated with this but we will need the permission note signed and returned as soon as possible. Screening will take place on the 11th and 12th of May. This is an excellent opportunity for you to have your child’s hearing screened by trained professionals ensuring your child is getting the most out of their education. If you have any questions please see your child’s teacher.

Jacki Schott, A/Deputy Principal
Meet our P & C Executive

With our AGM looming, we thought we would introduce you to our hardworking P & C Executive. These parent volunteers are the glue that hold together the fabric of our Parents and Citizens Association, who are responsible for the running of our businesses (Tuckshop, Uniform & Stationery) overseeing our annual budget and making sure we follow all the rules that apply to P & Cs. They also work closely with our admin team to make sure that the work of our P & C aligns with the vision and direction of the school.

(Joe Sweeney, our Vice President missed his close up!)

Parent to Drew 11, Rachael 7

P & C responsibilities:
Chair meetings, liaise with admin, School Council member, manage P & C businesses.

Day job: Facilities at FGSS. Formerly worked as photographer & video producer, getting paid to travel the world.

Tony Clark, President

When you volunteer, how does it make you feel?
It is immensely satisfying to be able to make a difference in your community. It is sometimes frustrating because you would love to see more people share the load - everyone can do something!

What’s the best/worst thing to happen since you started working with the P&C?
I have less anxiety about coming into the school grounds because there’s always a face I recognise - Sarah Learning! I’ve experienced fast food (Tuckshop) for the first time in my life, learnt how to organize festival stalls, run working bees for crafts and improved my cooking skills (for lollies!) - Jenny
To see a project take shape from an initial thought or idea to fruition, and then to see the impact it has for many in our community is very rewarding. - Tony

What do you wish other people knew about the P&C?
How much the P&C do! Most people realise that we run the Tuckshop & Stores (Uniform & Stationery), but the P&C has been responsible for delivering and adding so much more to our school environment – air conditioning, the Market Garden, the Anzac Garden, Hall projector and curtains, a Parent Library, classroom bookshelves, the walk to school program, Prep vege gardens, shade structure for 1/2 playground, resourcing for the special education unit, music trolleys & stands & the best (and only) tubular bells in the district! And that was just last year’s work - Jenny
I wish they knew that it is not about the few but the many and how much the P and C provide to the school community. - Joe
It’s a place where your voice can be heard. It is an opportunity to hear what and how the school is doing via the Principal and then to be a part of a community that supports the learning and growth of 820 young people. - Vanessa
We sometimes bring wine to meetings if they’re likely to be heavy duty! - Sarah

Parent to twins Trevor & Eleanor in year 3.

P&C Responsibilities:
Minute taking, collating reports, maintaining membership and motions registers, setting agendas, notifying members of meetings.

Day job: Building certification.

Jenny Owen, Secretary

What might someone be surprised to know about you?
I love the law, reading, interpreting and studying it. I also love to design & make beautiful things in my spare time. I made this dress.
What would you say are some of your strongest beliefs about the P&C?
P&C is the way I choose to be involved in my kids’ education. When I disagree with a course of action the school or the P&C is taking, it’s more palatable if I can participate in the debate, influence the discussion, see the show of hands in the room when a decision is made, and know that my vote counts. P&C makes ‘they should’ into ‘we will’, and I feel empowered to have a proactive voice - Sarah

In my own experience, it’s easy to criticise or complain about something you don’t like at your child’s school. I would like to think if you want to voice those concerns, you have to be willing to contribute to a solution - Tony

As a volunteer, what sorts of trends do you see coming in the future?
Micro-volunteering. The one-day-a-month-volunteer concept is not possible for most people, myself included. We need to use technology to break volunteering down into small, manageable tasks, to let more people be involved in a way that suits their families and lifestyles. - Sarah

People ask me all the time if there are things they can do at home. We have to get better at enabling that. - Vanessa

What is your advice to parents considering joining the P&C?
Come along and join in! Joining the P&C is a great way to meet new friends and learn new skills that you may not otherwise experience in your life. Also, you may have skills which we need. It’s your chance to do something you love or something fun for a good cause. - Jenny

Come along and spend the time you can. Sometimes just 15 minutes here or there helps more than you know. - Joe

When your friends/family find out that you are on the exec, what do they say or ask?
Mostly they ask about why do I give my time. I say that I am not giving my time but investing it in the community in which my kids are growing up. If you want to give your kids the best it isn’t just about money. - Joe

What might someone be surprised to know about you?
My hubby is 3R teacher Mr Rogers.

Sarah Rogers,
Treasurer

P&C Responsibilities:
Receive and record inwards and outwards correspondence.
Contribute to Executive team decision making.

Day job: Bookkeeper, Plus Size clothing entrepreneur (one day it’ll pay!).

Vanessa Baird,
Correspondence Secretary

Why do you volunteer?
I want my kids to know that anyone can make a difference in the world. Sometimes it’s as easy as showing up.

Parent to Campbell Year 5, Reilly Year 10 and Connor Year 12.

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Join us on our Day to Spray from 7.45am Friday March 11.
Preps and Year 1 - Tuckshop
Years 2 and 3 - Lower Tuckshop
Years 4 and 5 - Under L Block
Year 6 - Year 4 Eating area

Cost: $1 for a strip of colour, $5 for a whole head (or donation)

Support our brave shavers - 9am shave on stage - whole school assembly in hall!

Stella B, Nelson T, Oscar B, Brynn H, Blake C and Mr Bryant will be shaving their heads.

Sponsor our brave shavers by heading to the Fabulous Ferny team page.
**Instrumental Music & Choral News**

**Junior Band**
MORNING REHEARSALS BEGAN TODAY AND WILL BE EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 7.15am
Please make sure children are on time so Rhonda Haringcaspel can help the children to set up and get organise. Meet inside the hall. Children are to leave their bags on the floor inside the main door and take only their instruments and music folders onto the stage ready for set up instructions.

**Senior Band and Strings Ensemble**
SECTIONAL REHEARSALS – timetables sent home
These are additional rehearsals provided after school hours by Mrs Haringcaspel and Mrs Seneviratne for the benefit of the students’ music progression. There has been terrific feedback regarding the progress of the groups. The teachers understand that after school times may not be possible due to other commitments. Please contact Rhonda or Nicola if your child is unable to attend as this is done in their own time.

**Who to contact**
Instrumental Teachers Rhonda Haringcaspel - rhari1@eq.edu.au and Nicola Seneviratne – nsene1@eq.edu.au
- Any queries about your students’ progress
- Absences from rehearsals or lessons (Please notify the FGSS office absence line if your child is away from school the entire day, however for just a lesson or rehearsal time contact Rhonda or Nicola)
- Repairs or issues with instruments

**DATES FOR THE DIARY (further confirmations to come)**
23 MAY - FANFARE - Daytime schedule
18 JULY - JAZZIN UP THE MALL - Queen St Mall - Daytime schedule
13 OCTOBER - MUSICFEST - Venue FGSS - Evening

**Communication about the Instrumental Music program**
We are attempting to make sure all possible avenues have been covered for information sharing.
- Direct from Teachers to Students
- FGSS Fortnightly Newsletter
- Facebook Page - Ferny Grove Primary Instrumental Music (this is a closed group, if access is unaccepted please let me know so I can verify details and provide access)
- Email updates

**Practice tips**
I’ve put this great information sheet on our website about helping your child to be engaged and motivated towards their instrumental skill, hope you find this an interesting read.

**Band Uniform**
Band Uniforms are not required until the school and interschool performances commence (mid-year), however it takes around 6 weeks to order them in as they are not normally held in stock.
There may be second hand ones available at the Uniform Store from departing year 6’s in 2015. UNIFORM SHOP IS OPEN MONDAY & FRIDAY mornings 8-10am, WEDNESDAY 2-5pm.

**IMPS Committee**
We had our AGM this past Tuesday evening. Thank you to all who attended. We are still looking to nominate a Treasurer for 2016-2017. If you know of anyone interested or would like more information, please don’t hesitate to contact IMPS Chairperson Tanya Newsome newsomehousehold@gmail.com . The next meeting will be Tuesday 12 April @ 6pm in the staff room.

Katie Stubbings, A/Deputy Principal
**Catch up Club**
Catch up club has been a very busy place for the last couple of weeks. The children have had the opportunity to do Origami as well as decorate some very tasty and colourful biscuits, which of course were devoured with gusto. In weeks 8 and 9 defence students and their friends will be able to join us for some Easter craft fun! We look forward to seeing you then.

**Financial assistance for Defence children’s education**
We would like to remind all new defence families to Ferny Grove S.S. of the educational assistance available to defence families within the first 18 months of a posting. The following is an excerpt from the Defence Community Organisation website.

“A range of financial support is available to help minimise disruption to schooling caused by posting. The aim is to provide the student with educational stability or limited interim assistance to help avoid or overcome any immediate difficulties with education or emotional wellbeing as a result of relocating.

**Tutoring**
We may reimburse fees for tutoring required to fill any gaps in understanding or curriculum caused by changing schools. Students may be entitled to up to 14 weeks of tutoring in any subject that has been identified by the school as representing a gap in learning. This applies to primary and secondary students, within the first 18 months of enrolment at the new school.

**Students with special needs**
Practical assistance is available for special needs students. This includes assessment, therapy, tuition and additional support where students had received these services in their old location and aren’t able to access them at their new posting. See the section on special needs dependants for more information. Special needs dependants may also be entitled to reimbursement of private schooling costs, if a necessary special program is only available at a non-government school.”

For further information contact the Regional Education Liaison Officer (REDLO) Ms Cathy Dellit, Tel: 07 33540554 or via email: cathy.dellit@defence.gov.au.

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

The time is here for booking your child into the fantastic Vacation Care program. Please Contact Helping Hands Outside School Hours Care for more details and to book your child into vacation care. Booking forms are available at the service or can be emailed to you. We are all looking forward to a great vacation care!

CONTACT: 0467 677 763
Managing Social Media – Parents’ Number One Challenge

Sexting, pornography, paedophiles and bullying. Too often I find these issues impact teenagers way before parents are even aware of them. That’s why I like to see parents educated and being proactive when it comes to keeping their kids safe online. My first key point is this – When it comes to the internet… Don’t set rules regarding social media use WHEN there is a problem. Set rules BEFORE there is a problem!

Most parents I know are faced with decisions about social media when their children are very young, in Year 6 and 7. That is between age 10 and 12 years old. When I teach Primary Sexual Health and Cyber Safety programs over half of the class is already signed up on social media in Year 6, despite the legal age for most social media being 13. By the time teenagers are 13 they are usually well and truly immersed in the social of social media.

This is where the problem starts. When your child is 10, 11 or even 12 they are relatively easy to manage. It is therefore easy to say ‘yes’ to Facebook, Instagram, KIK or an iPhone without spending a lot of time thinking about how you will manage it and what restrictions you might need to put on its use.

However, add a few years, a few more hormones, the desires for a boyfriend or girlfriend and a few friends you aren’t so keen on, and you may not say ‘yes’ so quickly. Your ‘yes’ may come with a few more conditions, conditions which are hard to administer later if they haven’t been put in place from the beginning.

Consider this. When your teenager first comes to you and wants to use social media, stop and really think about it. You might think it is normal to let them jump into social media boots and all, but just stop and think about it for a little longer. You don’t have to automatically say ‘yes’. You might want to wait a while. You might want to be cautious. You might want to think about how to set social media up to make it safe during the bumpiest teenage years that lie ahead. When it comes to social media, I would prefer to start slowly rather than open the flood gates and not be able to control the torrent.

*I recommend every family create a contract so both they are their teen (pre-teen) is clear about their responsibilities.*

I encourage families to write up a contract which outlines the expectations parents have of their teenager including time limits, shut down time, a day’s rest, passwords and privacy setting, risks, open communication and transparency, loss of privileges and safety software.

I also encourage parents to let their teenagers know that the contract isn’t a rigid representation of their relationship. Parents should be free to parent, over and above the bounds of the contract, understanding that it is impossible write down every possible scenario that might take place in their relationship.

The contract you negotiate should represent you and your family’s values. Here are the basic things which you should negotiate in your contract…

- Your role as a parent
- The role social media will play and not play in their lives
- The time you are prepared to set aside for social media
- The need for re-charge time or shut down time at night
- The need for a day’s rest
- The loss of privileges
- The need for transparency and open communication
- The need for safety software
- The risks you are concerned about – Bullying and behaving respectfully online, identity theft – protecting privacy and pornography and sexually explicit material

Here is a sample contract which has been negotiated between a mother, father and a 13 year old girl who is reasonably responsible online. It covers all the basics that a family needs to cover when communicating about their teenager’s time online. IT IS A SAMPLE ONLY.

This is a contract that I would suggest for younger teens who are initially setting up social media. If you set rules before there is a problem (and stick to them) instead of after there is a problem, you are more likely to keep teenagers on track. Remember that as teenagers mature they need to be given autonomy online so this contract may need to be negotiated if your teenager is over 15.


From Michelle Mitchell Blog

Katie Stubbings, A/Deputy Principal
Important Dates
March
14 March FAST Meeting - 7pm Library
16 March P & C Meeting and AGM - 7pm Library

Annual General Meeting
After our meeting on March 16, we will be holding our Annual General Meeting, to elect the Executive of the P & C. At least one of the incumbents will not be returning and we would love people who care about the future of our great school and the well being of our students to think about joining us for the year ahead. Even if you just want to come along and join as a committee member it would be great to see you.

Tuckshop
Our New sushi flavour was a big hit! if you missed out last week here are the new yummy flavours that we are trialling.
- Chicken & Avocado
- Plain Avocado
- Tuna & Cucumber
Still same price at $2.80 soy sauce 20c
Our homemade bolognese pasta is also making headlines, with gluten free options now available too. Mac & cheese is available this Friday - order now while stock last.
But wait there's more, how about our super popular pizza (Meatlovers, Hawaiian and Jolly Cheese), they are individually made fresh at the tuckshop on Fridays.
Fancy some salad? Try our Quinoa and Couscous Salad made onsite.
To avoid missing out on any of our yummy food, please order via flexischools.com.au
As always thanks for our valuable permanent volunteers, and for those who drop by for a couple of hours you are all mostly appreciate.
Friday is always our busy day especially now that we make more of our food onsite. Needing more volunteers please visit https://www.volunteersignup.org/8ELLJ for dates availability.
Calling out for home bakers, we have a couple of easy to follow recipes that you are able to bake at home. We don’t offer credit for any customers
We welcome any feedback regarding our tuckshop as this will be passed on to P & C meeting once a month.
Liz Mu, Senior Managing Tuckshop Convenor
3550 5361
tuckshop@fernygrovepandc.com.au

Coffee Cart
Like us on Facebook fgsscoffeecart to play our new game "Secret Sluth " - guess the teacher and win coffee. Starts this week.
Volunteers NEEDED to help keep the Coffee Cart running. All training provided, its a fun way to help around the school. Call Yvette on 0409317553 for more information
Yvette Edwards, Coffee Cart Convenor

Stationery & Uniform Store
REGULAR HOURS
MONDAY & FRIDAY mornings 8-10am 2-5pm WEDNESDAY afternoons
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

Election Day Helpers
As you may be aware, there will be a Brisbane City Council Election on Saturday, 19th March. The P&C will be holding a BBQ and Cake Stall at the school as we are a polling booth. This is a great opportunity for us to raise funds from the wider Ferny Grove community. Please consider giving up a little bit of your time to help out at the BBQ. Many hands make light work! Please click on the link to sign up - https://www.volunteersignup.org/AYBJB.
We have so many great bakers in our school community too! Please consider making a small contribution towards the Cake Stall. Baked goods can be dropped off between 2.30-3.30pm at the Hall Canteen on Friday the 18th of March or by 9am on Saturday morning.
Tennis Coaching available at the School Tennis Court Facility for Grades 1-4
Mondays 3.00 -3.45 pm

Contact Dave Prickett
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