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## Adventures at Moogerah

Some of our Year 6 students viewing the scenic Moogerah Dam after arrival at Year 6 camp!

Our Year 6 cohort has spent this week adventuring at Camp Moogerah, located on the Moogerah Dam. With a range of activities from climbing walls to kayaking and archery to orienteering, the students are given plenty of opportunity to practise their teamwork, push their boundaries and learn in a great outdoor environment. Opportunities like this allow our students to experience the independence of camping with their friends (while closely supervised by our dedicated staff!). This is a great way to spend the last week of term, enjoying the outdoors, challenging themselves and practising our values of respect, cooperation, learning and responsibility.
Early years news

Picasso Cow

I was so excited to learn that a competition I entered weeks ago was successful and Ferny Grove State School is now the very proud owners of a ‘Picasso Cow’. This is a Dairy Australia curriculum based program, assisting primary school teachers in telling the Australian dairy industry story. The focus is on children developing nutrition and food origin knowledge and helping them to establish healthy eating habits for life. The program makes the learning process engaging by creatively bringing the dairy industry to life for everyone involved. The Picasso Cows program has been written in accordance with the Australian Curriculum and is supported by a selection of resources for teachers. As I lack creative flare I have called upon the expertise of Cynthia Cash who is our year 2 iPad teacher to help with this project. While the whole school will be involved, 2CC will create a learning journal documenting the learning from start to finish and will coordinate the decoration of our cow to fit within one of the three themes – Unbeatable bones, Fuel for Life or Farm to Plate. You could check out www.dairy.edu.au/discoverdairy for more information. There will also be a competition to name the cow. I can’t wait to see how she ends up looking!!

Happy Easter

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody for a fabulous term. All students have settled in so well and I credit that to wonderful parents, amazing teachers and a fabulous school. Enjoy the break and fit in some time to simply relax. I look forward to having chocolate for brekky as it really is the only event through the year where it is totally acceptable to do so. Don’t forget all parents are welcome to join us for our Prep—Year 2 Easter Hat Parade tomorrow (Thursday) at Noon in the hall. Happy Easter!!

Jacki Schott, A/Deputy Principal

Sports news

Sporting Schools Program—Term 2, 2016

The time has arrived for students to dust off their running spikes and prepare for some fun after school. Yes the Sporting School program for Term 2 has been finalised and all systems are go!

The program will be run by qualified coaches experienced in delivering fun athletics programs to students as a precursor to more involvement in athletics (perhaps even the Olympics one day!).

The program will start on Monday 9th May and run for 6 weeks – Details of session times and days are listed below:

- Mondays – Prep to Yr2
- Tuesdays – Y3 3 to Yr 6
- Session times – 3.15 pm to 4.00 pm

Parents are welcome to stay and watch AND even participate/help out if you feel up to it! - Alternatively you may wish to go and have a coffee or chat -

## It will be appreciated that you are present at 4 pm to ensure children are safely picked up.

Thanks to all those who have emailed to express interest. Please take it that if you have, you are automatically enrolled and can bring your children to the activity on the days listed above.

If you have not yet been able to email please feel free to bring your children along to their allotted session.

If you have any questions please email me at: gkirb3@eq.edu.au.

Gary Kirby, PE Teacher
Middle years news

This is our last newsletter from a very short but action packed term 1! I am currently on Year 6 camp at Lake Moogerah near Aratula. This 4 day camp really supports our students in all aspects of their life: teamwork, problem solving, responsibility, risk, care and compassion and really encouraging each other to get along. It’s during this camp that teachers and students work together to build the culture of the cohort to see them through their final year of primary school as a team. Getting along, working through differences and supporting each other is what it’s all about.

I wish you and your families a peaceful, enjoyable and safe Easter break. Please don’t hesitate to contact me or your child’s teacher if there are any concerns.

Katie Stubbings, A/Deputy Principal

Parenting news

An opportunity to participate in a small group Triple P Parenting class (maximum 15) is being offered on Tuesday mornings in Term 2.

The classes are for 4 weeks on a Tuesday morning (April 19 & 26 and May 3 & 10) in the school library from 9am to 11am.

The program also includes some follow up telephone consultations.

Classes are free and participants receive a workbook to be used in class each week.

Student Welfare and Engagement Teacher, Peter Wheeler and School Chaplain, Alexia Hoffman will be facilitating Group Triple P following the success of the recent Triple P evening seminars which saw more than 200 parents attend over the 3 nights.

You can register your interest by emailing Peter pwhee3@eq.edu.au

It is envisaged that the program will also be offered in Term 3.

Peter Wheeler,
Student Welfare & Engagement Teacher
Shave/Spray for a Cure

Another amazing year for our Spray/Shave for a Cure event run by our Student Council.

Our spray morning on Friday 11 March raised $1703.40. Thanks to all those who donated hairspray, helped on the morning and donated to have their head sprayed.

Our brave shave crew did an amazing job, with those on our Fabulous Ferny team page raising $4,566, bringing our grand total to $6,269.

Congratulations for raising:
Stella B - Year 4 - $1464 | Mr Bryant - $1330 | Oscar B - Year 4 - $1060 | Nelson T - Year 6 - $604.
Also congratulations to Brynn H and Blake C for their fundraising efforts.

Here are some highlights:
Student Council news

Another hugely successful disco. Thanks to our Student Councillors for selling tickets before school. Thanks to our Chaplaincy committee for serving snow cones and thanks to our AV Crew for bringing the tunes and special effects! A huge thank you to our teachers who volunteer their time outside of school hours to supervise this event!
Instrumental Music & Choral News

**IMPS Committee**
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 Tanya Newsome IMPS Chairperson newsomehousehold@gmail.com. The next meeting will be Tuesday 12 April @ 6pm in the library.

**Rehearsals**
SENIOR BAND - MONDAYS - 7.15am-8.30am
JUNIOR BAND - WEDNESDAYS - 7.15am-8.30am
STRINGS ENSEMBLE – THURSDAYS - 7.15am-8.30am
SENIOR CHOIR – THURSDAYS – 11am - 11.45am
PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE – FRIDAYS - 7.15am-8.30am
JUNIOR CHOIR – THURSDAYS – 11am - 11.45am

Students need to have a band folder to keep music sheets in & these are available for purchase from the office for $12.

**Lessons**
Monday - WOODWIND
Wednesday - BRASS & WOODWIND
Thursday - STRINGS
Friday – PERCUSSION

**Metropolitan Choir Honours Camp**

Last week I had the privilege of attending the Metropolitan Choir Honours camp. We joined with over one hundred students from different schools across Brisbane to form two incredible choirs.

It was a fun Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of singing. On Wednesday we had an astonishing show to celebrate our learning from the past three days. This program is a great experience and I would recommend it. We learned three difficult pieces with three part harmonies. It was exhausting but rewarding. I attended this camp along with Reuben, Natalie and Kyan in Year Six.

Eleanor Bryant 5B
Celebrate 20 years of Advanced Music Camp and Come play in our Alumni Orchestra

Did you ever play at one of the Primary School Advanced Music Camps?

Do you still have your instrument and want to play it again?

Well if you answered yes to these questions, we hope you will join us this year in our Alumni Orchestra to performance at this year’s Advanced Music Camp to celebrate 20 years of Primary School Advanced Music Camp in our area!

We will be rehearsing on Saturday afternoons and Thursday evening. We hope you will fit us in at least once a week. Rehearsals will be held in the Ferny Grove State School Hall. If you are interested in playing in this ensemble please come along to our first rehearsal and register your interest. If you are unable to attend the first rehearsal but would still like to be part of the fun please drop Rhonda or Nicola an email and we will prepare some music for you.

Registration and our first rehearsal will commence on Saturday 16th April at 4:30. All stands, chairs and percussion instruments will be provided.

Rehearsals: Thurs 21st April  Sat 30th April  Thurs 5th May  Sat 14th May  Thurs 19th May  Sat 28th May  Thurs 2nd June  Sat 11th June

Saturday rehearsals 4:30-5:30pm  Thursday rehearsal 6:00-7:00pm

CONCERT THURSDAY 16TH JUNE.
**Defence news**

**National Families Week**
The Defence Community Organisation (DCO) Brisbane office has developed an exciting new project for National Families Week (NFW) 2016. DCO is supporting NFW 2016 by engaging all families in a colouring-in project for a calendar to be produced for the 2017 year. The monthly themes developed for this calendar reflect the aims of the 2016 NFW, encouraging families to share time together and engage in their local community. Additionally, it encourages a reflection of Defence contributions to the community, with Anzac Day and Remembrance Day being monthly themes.

Students (ALL students not just Defence family students) are encouraged to collect a colouring and entry from the library. The closing date for entries is 15 April 2016. A committee will select the top three entries for each calendar month and these will be displayed at the 7th Brigade Open Day, to be held at 7th Brigade Park, Chermside on 23 April 2016.

The winners from each month will be invited to attend a special event at Gallipoli Barracks on 22 May 2016 and have certificate presented by a Senior Defence representative. These 12 entries will form the 2017 DCO Calendar and the winning schools will receive a calendar and certificate acknowledging their contribution.

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

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**P & C news**

**Important Dates**

- **April**
  - 11 April  FAST Meeting - 7pm Library
  - 12 April  IMPS Meeting - 6pm Library
  - 20 April  P & C Meeting - 7pm Library

**Annual General Meeting**

Congratulations to our new Executive team for 2016.

- President - Tony Clark
- Vice Presidents - Wolfgang Krause and Dan Viero
- Secretary - Jenny Owen
- Treasurer - Sarah Rogers
- Correspondence Secretary - Vanessa Baird

Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings and we value the input of our school community.

**Coffee Cart**

Like us on Facebook fgsscoffeeecart to play our new game "Secret Sluth " - guess the teacher and win coffee.

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

Due to the public holiday this Friday, our store will be open tomorrow morning, Thursday, instead.

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3550 5359 (0431 265 068)
stationery@fernygrovepandc.com.au

*Madonna Morton, Uniform Convenor*
3550 5342 (0409 272 062)
uniformstore@fernygrovepandc.com.au

**Tuckshop**

Last week of Term 1, wow how fast did that 9 weeks go! So here is our latest news.

**Update:** On Wednesday 9th March, the Department of Education and Training notified all schools that the timeframe from when changes to the Smart Choices policy must be in place has been extended again to Term 1 2017.

Therefore there's only a slight change to our menu for Term 2. Check out “The Cook's Special" - Pasta, Fried rice and garlic bread which will give you hot options for Wednesday.

Breakfast will cease end of Term 1.

Compulsory as of Term 3 ALL Order via flexischools. Training/assistance/set up sessions will be available mid Term 2.

If you are unable to commit once a month at Tuckshop, we welcome pantry donations and we do have little jobs for everyday. So pop in visit us :)

As always thanks to all our valuable volunteers, and supporting our tuckshop. Happy holidays. See you all Term 2

*Liz Mu, Senior Managing Tuckshop Convenor*
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tuckshop@fernygrovepandc.com.au
Ferny Grove State High School News

**Twilight Expo**

Ferny Grove State High School’s 2016 Open Day for prospective students will be held on Wednesday 18 May from 3.30 to 7.00pm. During the evening, the school will showcase the wide range of opportunities available to students upon enrolment at our school. There will be information sessions, interactive displays by all Faculties, extra-curricular activities, entertainment and food available, as well as the opportunity the book an enrolment interview for 2017.

At twilight, the campus will be lit up by our iconic coloured lights, which illuminate paths to the various displays around the school.

Further information will follow in future newsletters.

**Enrolments for 2017**

As FGSHS is now enrolment managed, the process for enrolment has changed. ALL parents wishing to enrol a student, **whether or not they reside in the FGSHS catchment area**, will need to complete an Expression of Interest form, available on our [website](http://www.qgso.qld.gov.au/maps/edmap) or from the school office. The catchment area can be viewed at [http://www.qgso.qld.gov.au/maps/edmap/](http://www.qgso.qld.gov.au/maps/edmap/).

Only parents who have returned their Expression of Interest forms and who have received an acceptance letter will be able to make an interview booking at our Twilight Expo. These parents will be given an enrolment pack to complete and return at their interview.

Parents who have not returned a form or received an acceptance letter will be given an Expression of Interest form to complete. The application will then need to be evaluated and an acceptance letter sent prior to an interview appointment being made.

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**Samford Netball Club**

**NetSetGo Netball - 8 Week Program**

Net Set Go is a fun filled netball program for children aged 5 to 10. It is designed and accredited by Netball Australia for young players.

- **When:** 19th April to 7th June 2016
- **Where:** Samford Netball Courts at the Samford Parklands
  - Mt Samson Rd, Samford
- **Time:** 5.00pm to 6.00pm (Tuesday Afternoons)
- **Cost:** $96 per Player
- Each Player will receive a Netball Pack


Parents also need to complete the Membership Form which can be obtained by emailing coaching@samfordnetball.org.au

Further Enquiries Phone: 0428 646 154
WIN A FAMILY PASS TO THE HILLS ANNUAL RODEO (valued at $45).

Head to our FGSS Facebook Page, look for our post about the Rodeo and comment with your favourite thing on offer at the Rodeo! Random number will be drawn on Saturday 26 March and matched to that number comment on the page. Winner will be notified by Private Message on Facebook.

Thanks to the Eatons Hill Hotel for their donation.
Community news

Schooling a future generation
OPEN DAY 2016
27 April 3.30 - 6.00
2017 Scholarships Available
See staff for details
Participation / Accountability / Respect

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JUNIOR HOLIDAY CLINIC'S

28 MARCH
BROTHERS TOUCH ASSOCIATION
Croydon Park, 100 Croydon Road, Ashgrove

31 MARCH
BRISBANE METROPOLITAN TOUCH ASSOCIATION
Auchenflower Tennis Club, Auchenflower Road, Sunnybank

4 APRIL
WESTS AROONA HILLS TOUCH ASSOCIATION
Ken Mulhall Oval, 26 Salem Street, Aroona

5 APRIL
RENCLEiffe & DISTRICTS TOUCH ASSOCIATION
Randall Park, 1-7 Herries Street, Victoria Avenue, Redcliffe

8 APRIL
SOUTH PINE TOUCH ASSOCIATION
South Pine Sports Complex, 429 South Pine Road, Brendale.

Ages: 5-10 years Boys and Girls
Time: Registration will commence at 6:15pm and conclude at 7:30pm
Cost: $50 per participant. Morning tea / a Queensland Touch Football lanyard is included in registration costs.

To register, head to the Coaching Clinic tab on the Brisbane City Touch Football Website
For further information, please contact Glen Walker from QTF on 0427 610 703 or glen@qldtouch.com.au

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OPEN NIGHT
26 May 2016 4-7pm

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