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## Student Absence

**Our Term 2 Bulk Bill is available here.**

**Payments Due**

- **Year 2 & 1/2F**  
  Raw Art 11 May $9  
  Due 5 May

- **Year 3**  
  Footsteps 9 May $22.00 (8wks)  
  Due 5 May

- **Year 6**  
  Bunyaville Challenge 10-18 May $35  
  Due 5 May

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We will remember them...

Last Thursday we paid tribute to the fallen and all who have served our country during our annual Anzac Day service. The children of our Defence force parents marched proudly into the hall to place white doves on our Trees of Remembrance. Many of them wore the medals of their parents. We also had representatives of each year level lay a wreath.

Our very passionate teacher, Mr Matt Kurth, led us through the ceremony, with readings and reflections from the students of 6K. Claire Ewer, a former Ferny Grove SS student, played The Last Post and Reveille.

Mr Gary Kirby bravely spoke of the battle that many of our returned servicemen face in dealing with the horrors they have witnessed and how they need the continued support of our community. Mr Kirby lost his son Grant in 2010 whilst serving in Afghanistan.

Thanks must go to Matt Kurth, Defence Aides Jessica de la Jara and Liz Heddershaw, our Senior Choir and conductor Naomi Miller, and Kurt Bryant for their contributions to this amazing and heartfelt service.
Last Wednesday night I was fortunate to be part of one of the most productive P & C meetings in a long time. Every person had a say as we talked about not just the vision and goals for the P & C but also the school itself. P & C often wonder if the general school community is aware of the many things they do that value add to your child’s education at Ferny Grove State School. I thought I would take the time to outline a few of their achievements over the last couple of years. Did you know that for example?

- The P and C totally runs the tuckshop, uniform and book stores.
- The air-conditioning project will cost approximately $250000 over four years and that is all P & C fundraising. Feedback from teachers and students was that student productivity and comfort was greatly enhanced over what has been a very warm start to 2016.
- The play equipment, soft fall and shade over the ½ playground was all funded by P & C.
- The new kitchen garden was funded by one of our festivals and a group of P & C volunteers now help maintain it and many other gardens in our school.
- The new Drama program for students in years 2-4 with Mr Sandilands is funded by all those coffees you buy at the coffee cart which is managed by volunteers who make up the P and C. All those coffee cart baristas are volunteers.
- The magnificent performance area that is our hall and stage including curtaining, sound and video was all funded by events such as Mothers’ and Father’s Day stalls which are run by FAST (Fundraising and Social team) which in turn is a part of our P & C.
- The annual Ferny Grove Festival is staged by our P & C and is such a successful community event that the Brisbane City Council provides funding to allow things such as fireworks and entertainment to occur for everyone to enjoy.
- Shade in Prep eating areas was a result of Prep parents fundraising and support from P & C.

That is just a sample from the last couple of years. None of what I have listed would have been possible without our P & C.

My warmest congratulations to all involved in last week’s moving ANZAC Day service and morning tea. There are no words to describe the impact of the courage displayed by our wonderful teacher Mr Kirby in sharing the impact of the loss of loved ones in war. Courage, mateship and sacrifice were all in evidence. Well done to the more than 820 students who maintained a respectful tone throughout the entire service. Student leaders also joined me on ANZAC day for the annual Gaythorne RSL march and service.

_Brett Shackleton, Principal_

**Library news**

Thank you to all of our families who contributed to our Anzac Wall of Honour. It was lovely to see our students, parents and teacher reading the individual stories of our past and present brave defence force personnel.

**Lunch Time Activities.**

This term we will be working on some projects that students can enter in the EKKA. The Education on Show competition is devoted to showcasing work by Queensland students and this year’s theme is Queensland Weather. The link below gives details of each year level projects. Have a look and see what your student is interested in, I’m happy to help them with any project they like from the list Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at lunch time in the library. [http://www.ekka.com.au/media/2712/2016-education-on-show-schedule_final.pdf](http://www.ekka.com.au/media/2712/2016-education-on-show-schedule_final.pdf)

_Leane Dunn, Library Coordinator_
Middle years news

**NAPLAN 2016 for Year 3 and 5 students**
This term in week 5, Year 3 and 5 students will participate in NAPLAN. For parents who are unfamiliar with this assessment tool, the idea of it can cause some angst for parents and students alike. NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students have already been learning through the school curriculum and complements other effective classroom assessment and reporting practices. We use results to identify strengths and weaknesses in our teaching programs and to set goals in literacy and numeracy. Our teachers also use these results to help them better identify students who require greater challenges or additional support.

Students cannot prepare specifically for NAPLAN and are not expected to do so. The tests contain questions similar to those that occur in regular classroom learning and assessment. Your child’s teacher has familiarised them with the test process and question formats which will alleviate any test pressure on the day.

The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure your child that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. It’s also a good idea to simplify this week where possible and ensure your child continues to eat and sleep well to minimise their fatigue.

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Friday 13 May Catch-up tests for students absent on the previous days.

**NAPLAN materials**
Specified items permitted in the NAPLAN tests are:
- HB lead pencils
- pencil sharpener
- eraser

The use of lighter grade pencils or pacers is not permitted in the tests as they can make the scanning and marking more difficult.

If you have any queries regarding NAPLAN, please refer to [http://www.nap.edu.au/](http://www.nap.edu.au/) or speak with your child’s teacher.

*Katie Stubbings, A/Deputy Principal*
Early years news

The Ideas Wall
We now have an ‘Idea’s Wall’ in our library where students and teachers can give ideas on different things going on around the school. This a fabulous idea and a very clever way to gather ideas from little people right through to big people. It is a space for collaboration and visual brainstorming for individual class projects or lunchtime doodling! Thanks to Cynthia Cash for the concept and Kurt Bryant and Tony Clark for the delivery of the finished project!

Chooks are coming to FGSS!
Construction of our chicken coop is currently happening next to the green house. Once completed we will be the very proud owners of four chickens. The children will be able to visit the chickens at lunch time and ensure all of their needs are being met by filling up their feed and water. So not only are we busy deciding on a cows name but each year level from Prep-3 will need to decide on a chook name. So not only do we have yummy fresh food growing in our kitchen garden, but we will have some delicious free range eggs!!

Gotchas
These student were caught doing the right thing.
Merrick 3P - Ryan M 1K - Nivrithi 2C - Mia A 2CC

Jacki Schott, A/Deputy Principal

“CACTUS” news
Just 6 Weeks to go until the curtain goes up on ‘CACTUS - A Western’, SPAG BOL’s first production for 2016! The cast and crew are working tirelessly to put together a truly hilarious comedy set in the town of Hogsbottom in The Ol’ West. You can bet there’s gonna be a whole lotta gunslingin’, bootscootin’, plottin’, schemin’, outlaws and injuns!
Production dates are Thursday 9 and Friday 10 June from 6pm. Tickets cost $5 each and will be available on Flexischools from Monday 30 May. A fantastic and affordable night’s entertainment for the entire family!

Drama Classes
Last week saw the first instalment of the expansion of the Ferny Grove SS Drama Program. 10 different classes from Years 2-4 participated in a variety of warm-up, communication, movement and cooperation games and tasks and Term 2 will see them further develop their confidence and creativity through problem solving using drama. Student feedback was, to say the least, rather positive!
General news

Student Council

FREE DRESS DAY TOMORROW
THURSDAY 28 APRIL
GOLD COIN DONATION
PROCEEDS TO HUMANI

Active School Travel

Great job for the month of March for Ferny Grove State School and our Footloose Fridays. Out of 18 new schools in the Brisbane competition, we came 2nd for the month of March for the percentage of our students who are actively travelling on Active School Travel day. We even ran out of rewards last week for the students who had 4 stamps in their passports, so we have ordered more for anyone who missed out.

Don’t forget Footloose Friday starts again this week. Support our Active School Travel Program by walking, cycling, scootering, carpooling or catching public transport to school. You can join one of our walking groups at 8am from
1. Archdale Road (on Coles side just around the corner from Conavalla St)
2. Ferny Grove Bowls Club entrance on Tramway Street
3. Intersection of McAlroy Road and Macgregor Way (pull in near gas tanks)
4. Bergin Road between Tonlegee and Rinavore.

There are fruit cups available for a $1 at the Tuckshop from 8am so kids can choose a healthy breakfast on their Active School Travel day.

We will also be offering some bike and scooter workshops free of charge in May and June. More information will be emailed home soon.

Vanessa Baird, Community Liaison Officer
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 Schools 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 9 May and run for 5 weeks; details of session times and days are listed below:

- Mondays – Prep to Year 2
- Tuesdays – Year 3 to Year 6
- Session times – 3.15pm to 4pm
- Students report to Mr Kirby on 3/4 Oval

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 4pm 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 you children along to their allotted session.

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

Cross Country News

Last Term saw the running of another successful event at our school with a fabulous turnout of competitors vying for House supremacy in this year’s Cross Country. Students were suitably motivated and trained with many classes spotted running the course during the weeks leading up to the event (and I suspect, a fair amount of training away from school by the really keen students!!).
The day of course can only be as successful as it is because of the support and effort from Teachers, Staff and Parents here at FGSS. Thank you to all involved for ensuring the event was such a success.

We congratulate the winning House, Koalas, on a great team effort and the following students who were this year crowned Age Champions:

- 9 Years
  - Boys – Jacob Austin
  - Girls - Caitlin Gould
- 10 Years
  - Boys – Oakley Whitney
  - Girls – Gemma Fryer
- 11 Years
  - Boys – Sam Newsome
  - Girls – Amy Ryan
- 12 Years
  - Boys – Will Sheedy
  - Girls – Savannah Townsend
- 13 Years
  - Girls – Nerique Gerber

We also had a number of students representing the school at the District Championships. These Students who acquitted themselves very well, are to be congratulated for their efforts as a team earning themselves and our school 2nd Place to our arch rivals Samford – Well done to the team for an outstanding effort and also our thanks to Mrs Ryan for acting as Team Manager on the day and to Mr Wheeler for attending as an Official.

Congratulation to the following students who were selected in the North West District team to compete at the Regional Championships – well done and good luck:

- Amy Ryan
- Savannah Townsend
- Jonny Gadd
- Will Sheedy

Gary Kirby, PE Specialist
Weeks of enthusiasm and hard work by students across the school has paid off with a green space filled with fast growing herbs and vegetables. The Year 3 bed is bursting with rockmelons and strawberry plants but the huge bok choy couldn't wait for harvesting any longer. Students from 3SB and 3R were very excited to join Mrs Canning for the first harvesting and cooking activity to take place in the brand new Kitchen Garden. They harvested, washed, chopped, grated and food processed the bok choy and other vegetables and mixed up a fantastic bok choy salad with noodles, soy sauce and oil dressing. At 11am, a horde of hungry Year 3 students advanced and were rewarded with a delicious salad made by their peers. It was loved by all that tasted it and many students came back for second and third helpings.

Thanks again to Mrs Canning who guided the group through the activity and even convinced them that washing and drying up was fun!
Instrumental Music & Choral News

Hire Fees and Levies
Parents some of you may have received letters home recently regarding levies and instrument hires for instrumental and choral music. Thank you to those who have brought payment in or contacted us to clarify. Please continue to send these payments in. As you can imagine, these funds not only go toward music and instrument repairs, but also to upgrading old instruments with new for our beginning students. There are enormous costs associated with purchasing instruments, as many of you are aware, and your continued support in this ensures we can do so in a timely manner.

Advanced Music Camp
Assessment of our Year 5 and 6 students occurred last week. Teachers will now moderate the results across the cluster and finalise lists of successful students to be invited to the Advanced Music Camp in June. This information will be released in the next couple of weeks along with payment timelines. Rhonda and Nicola have also started rehearsals of the Alumni Orchestra for this event, celebrating 20 years of AMC in our cluster. This is what Rhonda said after the first rehearsal “We had our first rehearsal on Saturday and had 32 people turn up which was fantastic. It was across all ages. There were some mums, uni students and high school students. It was lovely to watch and it sounded quite good for the first time every one had been together. We have our next rehearsal this Thursday evening. Really looking forward to it! You can see the photos if you go to our Facebook page, AMC Alumni Orchestra.”

Performances
Senior choir performed “The Other Side” at the ANZAC ceremony last week. Kurt Bryant’s adaptation of Ken Bunker’s poem “A Tribute to ANZAC Day” was beautifully performed. You can hear our students sing on the YouTube clip posted on the school Facebook page.

Friday 6 May, Junior Band will perform for the first time at the Early Years Assembly. They have been rehearsing very hard and will wear their band uniforms for the first time. They are looking forward to having a big audience to play for.

For our Senior Band and Senior Strings, their first major performance this year will be at Fanfare on Monday 23rd May. Between now and then they will also perform on parades as follows:
Senior Band: Monday 9 May - Student of the Month
Senior Strings: Monday 16 May – Middle Years Assembly

Date claimers
23 May – Fanfare at Ferny Grove State School
9-10 June – Cactus SPAG BOL
13 - 16 June – Advanced Music Camp
18 July – Brisbane Bands Festival
9th and 11th August – Intermediate Camp
Musicfest – Venue Ferny Grove State School
  13 October – Primary Strings B grade from 11am
  13 October – Primary Strings A grade from 2pm
  13 October – Senior Concert Band from 6pm
  27 October – Junior Concert Band from 5:30pm
3 November - 2017 recruitment night

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 17 May @ 6pm in the library.
Important Dates

May
9 May FAST Meeting - 7pm Library
17 May IMPS Meeting - 6pm Library
18 May P & C Meeting - 7pm Library

Coffee Cart
We’ve had a few chilly mornings lately. Get warmed up from the inside with a Merlo Coffee or Hot Chocolate! Our Coffee Cart is open 5 days a week and is staffed by volunteers. Would love to see you.

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 coming Monday, 2 May, our store will be open Tuesday morning 3 May instead.

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
I trust that everybody had a great long weekend. Our lives are busy and circumstances do change. Volunteers are shrinking in numbers, and are unable to commit for a lot of permanent shifts. Therefore I have gathered dates for Term 2, and ask that you look at helping us with once off shifts (9am – 11:30am).
Please contact us via our new email: tuckshop@fernygroveeq.eq.edu.au or drop by the Tuckshop from 8:30am if you can fill one of these shifts.

Mother’s Day Stall
Thursday 5 May
The stall will be held in the hall on Thursday 5 May. We have many great items, ranging in price $1-$10. Students will visit the Hall with their class during the day.
If you wish your child to make a purchase, please send money along and remember to give them a plastic shopping bag to ‘hide’ their present in.
$5 and $10 pre-paid vouchers will also be available for purchase at www.flexischools.com.au.
We are also looking for helpers on the day. Please sign up via the link at https://www.volunteersignup.org/9QAAC or pop in on the day. The stall runs from 9am to 2pm. If you are able to help out (even for a little while) we would love to hear from you. Please contact Katrina (0423 856804 or davidntrinabb@dodo.com.au).

Footloose Friday means that fresh fruit cups are available for $1.00 from 8am.
Did you know that Bolognese sauce (Pasta), Cheesy white sauce (mac & cheese), Fried Rice, Potato Bake are all made onsite! That's not all.
We have 3 new refreshing salads, delicious pizza and yummy Turkish Toasties, fresh wraps and sandwiches.
Our Tuckshop works within the Smart Choices guideline where we promote healthy and nutritious eating.
A quick guide on “How to place an order” through Flexischools. Please click link below. For further assistance you may call 1300 361 769 or simply call the Tuckshop.
We highly recommend the use of flexischools as it is very convenient and user friendly.

Thanks for supporting our Tuckshop!

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

Coffee Cart

Week 3 – 28/4, 29/4
Week 4 – 3/5, 4/5, 5/5, 6/5
Week 5 – 12/5, 13/5
Week 6 – 20/5
Week 7 – 25/5, 26/5, 27/5
Week 8 – 31/5, 1/6, 2/6, 3/6
Week 9 – 10/6
Week 10 – 17/6
Week 11 – 24/6
A reminder that we no longer serve breakfast.

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Community news

Ferny Grove State High School
An Independent Public School

the
Ferny Grove SHS Roadshow
is coming to your school on

Monday 9 May at 8.50am

Don't miss our 2016 Roadshow - an opportunity to hear from our Junior Secondary staff and former Ferny Grove State School students to tell you all about life at Ferny Grove High. There'll also be a performance from our very talented instrumental and choral music students. We look forward to seeing you there!

Ferny Grove State High School

Twilight ExPO
Open Day

Wednesday 18 May 2016
3.30-7.00pm

'Moving into High School' information sessions
Meet the Principal and staff
Enrolment bookings for Year 7 in 2017
Interactive lessons, displays and demonstrations
Entertainment provided by our talented students
A variety of food stalls

Ferny Grove State High School - McGinn Road, Ferny Grove Q 4055 - Ph 3350 5777 - email info@fernygroveshs.eq.edu.au - www.fernygroveshs.eq.edu.au - FernyGroveSHS

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LEARNING EXCELLENCE @ FERNY

Entrance Examination - Wednesday 1 June 2016

Our signature Learning Excellence @ Ferny (LEAF) program promotes academic and personal excellence for high performing students through focussing on higher order thinking skills and a flexible learning philosophy.

Being surrounded by others who are like-minded and highly motivated will provide your student with the unique opportunity to thrive in an environment where he or she will be supported in being challenged.

The process to be considered for selection into the Learning Excellence @ Ferny Program is:

- Completing and submitting the school’s Expression of Interest for Enrolment form (available on our website);
- Sitting a standardised examination in June
- Providing a record of your student’s academic performance, having achieved highly in three (or more) of the core subjects of English, Mathematics, Science and Humanities;
- Providing your child’s latest NAPLAN results.

Please access the school website for additional information and an application form.
Community news

Green Heart Schools
Lord Mayor’s Young Environmental Photographer of the Year Awards

Water is essential to connect our city and help Brisbane thrive. We are challenging school students to capture unique and creative images, which show the beauty and value of water in our river city.

Enter your photo that showcases your take on the “Fresh Water, Fresh Perspective” theme in one of the following categories:

- Primary School Category 1 – Fun with water
- Primary School Category 2 – Life of the river and bay
- High School Category 1 – Connecting our city
- High School Category 2 – Water for our future

The winners will be announced in early June and all finalists’ photographs will be displayed around the city.

WINNERS WILL TAKE AWAY GREAT PRIZES AND THE CHANCE TO JOIN WIDELY-ACCLAIMED PHOTOGRAPHER STEVE PARISH TO LEARN ‘THE ART OF SEEING PHOTOS’.

How to enter

- Students 13 years and older are to submit their entry via Facebook at www.facebook.com/YoungPeopleBrisbane
- Students 12 years and younger are to submit their entry online at www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/greenheartschools

Opening date: 18 April 2016 | Closing date: 8 May 2016 | Public Facebook judging period: 11-20 May 2016

For more information visit
www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/greenheartschools
or call Brisbane City Council on (07) 3403 8888.

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