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### Last one in is a rotten egg...

There was lots of excitement at Ferny Grove SS this week over the much-anticipated arrival of 4 lovely ladies (OK maybe we have 5) as our resident hens, hanging out in a very well appointed chicken enclosure at the far end of our kitchen garden. They were an absolute hit! The chickens are part of our big picture plan to incorporate paddock to plate learning for our students, introducing real world links with our curriculum in regards to elements of sustainability, life cycles and agriculture. Only one of the girls is a layer so far and has dutifully delivered her first egg. Students are allowed into the pen in small groups to visit them at break times. Big thanks to Mr Clark and Mr Schott for building their humble abode.
From the Principal

Security
Many of you would by now be aware that our school has suffered a significant amount of damage and loss as a result of illegal afterhours activity. This has resulted in the need to increase the level of security precautions we are taking. This will include the following.

- Increased after hour’s security patrols throughout the week.
- Installation of internal alarms that will make staying inside a room very difficult.
- Locking of all external gates after hours to ensure the message around unauthorised entry to our school is communicated clearly.

The locking of gates will create difficulties for ordinary law abiding families who use our school on weekends, however I trust that everyone understands the need to make it as difficult as possible to enter and exit. With the gates locked, unauthorised entry laws can then be used by the police. Groups hiring our facility will have key access provided and be expected to lock gates when they leave.

We appreciate the support we are receiving from our community and encourage everyone who sees anything at all that could be suspicious to call the police or School Watch on 131788.

Brett Shackleton, Principal

Student of the Month Assembly
Congratulations to the latest recipients of our Student of the Month Awards. These students well embody our values here at Ferny Grove State School and set a great example for our peers. This month’s winners are:

Prep - Eva G Year 1 - Olivia J Year 2 - Olivette M
Year 3 - Kayla M Year 4 - Daniel R Year 5 - Tereza H
Year 6 - Poppy Jean C Deputy Principal’s Award - Ashleigh M

We also had our Senior Band perform the national anthem for the first time on assembly, as well as getting a sneak preview of their performance for the upcoming FanFare competition. The assembly was followed by a visit from Ferny Grove SHS and their Roadshow, with musical performances and a visit from two of our past students Max and Hallie, who shared their year 7 experiences. The Roadshow allows a snapshot of what life at High School is like, so our Middle years students know what to expect in coming years as the transition to High School.
Sports news
This term sees the running of our athletics carnivals. As usual classes will be learning and practising their track and field skills during PE lessons. Quite appropriate considering this is an Olympic year!
Date claimers for those able to attend to support the children are:

**MONDAY 30th May - High Jump, Long Distance (600m and 800m) and Ball Games**

**WEDNESDAY 1st June – Sprints, Long Jump, Shot Put**
**Senior Carnival (Ages 9 to 13 ie birthday in 2004/05/06/07)**

**THURSDAY 23rd June**
**Junior Carnival – (Prep to Yr 3 - Yr 3, 9 yr olds also to participate)**

If you have any questions please contact me via email: gkirb3@eq.edu.au.
## Further details of the program will be published closer to the events.

Gary Kirby, PE Specialist

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Middle years news

So much goes on in our middle years at Ferny Grove State School and sometimes we take for granted the experiences our students can access to enrich their everyday, outside their classroom. Belonging is very important for children’s mental health and wellbeing. Children who feel that they belong at school are happier, more relaxed and have fewer behavioural problems than other students. They are also more motivated to learn and be more successful with their school work. Research into children’s mental health has found that a sense of belonging and connectedness at school helps to protect children against mental health difficulties and improves their learning.

This newsletter I thought I’d list range of ways that our students can develop that sense of belonging. In no particular order:

Intrumental and choral music, Bright Sparks, debating, market garden, Bunyaville Excursion, peer mediators, Footloose Friday, student council, Sporting Schools Athletics, senior leaders, Raw Art, school camp, SPAG BOL, interschool sport, Maths Jam, Commonwealth Bank visit, school disco, district and regional sport, Catch Up Club, Chill Out with Chappy...and that’s not including student acknowledgment through Gotchas, Merit Awards and Students of the Month!

Aren’t we all so lucky to belong to such a fulfilling and dynamic school community.

Katie Stubbings, A/Deputy Principal

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SAVE THE DATE

**OCTOBER 8**

**FERNY GROVE FESTIVAL 2016**
Early years news

Picasso Cow 2016 – Introducing OREO

Oreo, the cow, has settled in beautifully to our school. She has been named OREO by our students through quite an elaborate process. Thank you to all who have participated in the naming process. Oreo is still living in our library and the students from 2CC are learning all about the Australian dairy industry as part of their unit of work this term. It is designed to teach children about where dairy foods come from and the health benefits of consuming dairy foods such as milk, cheese and yogurt. As you can see the artwork on Oreo is in full swing and we have broken the most popular theme of painting the cow and instead are using the decoupage approach. Well done 2CC and Mrs Cash, she is looking fabulous so far. The students in 2CC have been documenting their findings from start to finish in a learning journal which they will showcase with Oreo at a presentation day later this year. Stay tuned for further updates on Oreo’s progress.

The Chickens are here!

Finally on Monday our much anticipated Ferny Grove chickens arrived. Mr Clark and I went out to see Kate from Beautiful Chickens to select the four lucky ladies. As you can see, we arrived back at school with five!! I handed the job of naming our new enrolments over to our prep, year one, two and three students. The names are as follows:
Prep - ‘Princess Layer’, Year One - ‘Dottie’, Year Two - ‘Lolly Legs’, Year Three - Maple Syrup…..and the fifth chicken I named Vivienne. You can see their photos on the front page! It has been so lovely to see the children so excited and keen to help look after them. I am really looking forward to sharing my love of chickens with the students of Ferny Grove. All of our values are truly evident for anyone to see down in our kitchen garden and chicken coop area.

Effective Age Appropriate Pedagogies (EAAP)

Last year many of you would be aware of the EAAP project that our Prep team were involved in. It is exciting for me to say that as a school we have been recognised within the district for the amazing work of our teachers. We are continuing with this work this year and even extending this into Year One So what is Effective Age Appropriate Pedagogies? Age-appropriate pedagogies have particular characteristics. These characteristics do not relate to every learner, learning context or desired outcome, nor do they all need to be present within any given learning experience. Instead, they represent a set of desirable qualities that educators can consider when trying to be responsive to the individual child, context and purpose for learning. There are 11 characteristics – active, agentic, collaborative, creative, explicit, language rich in dialogic, learner focused, narrative, playful, responsive and scaffolded. A range of teaching approaches may be considered age-appropriate for teaching the Australian Curriculum in the early years. When selecting an approach, teachers consider the participants, context, purpose and duration of the learning experience, whilst also taking into account the age, abilities and interest of the children and themselves of course. The appropriateness of the assessment tasks in the light of chosen teaching approach also needs to be considered. I will share more of this with you in upcoming newsletters. It really is an exciting time to have children in the early years of their schooling – school should be fun and research literature tells us that young children learn best in active, engaged, constructive and interactive environments, where the material they are learning is meaningful to them. Teaching in the early years needs to provide range and balance of age-appropriate pedagogies.

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!

Library news

Book Fair

Win a voucher to spend at the Book Fair!

In week 9 we will be holding our Book Warehouse Book Fair. We are calling all our fabulous students to design a poster to advertise our book fair. This year’s theme is “Australia the Story Country!” Students can design their poster however they wish but please limit to A4 size. All entries will be displayed in the library. The posters will be judged by a special judging panel and the winner in each year level will receive a voucher to spend at the book fair. I can’t wait to see what creative ideas you come up with. Entries close 27 May 2016.

EKKA

Some enthusiastic students have started some planning for their projects to enter in EKKA Education on Show competition. They can come to the library deck Tuesday and Wednesday first break to work on their projects.

Leane Dunn, Library Coordinator
Congratulations to the following students who have been invited to attend this year’s Ferny Grove Cluster Advanced Music Camp in Week 10 this term. Hundreds of students in seven schools across the cluster completed assessment which was then moderated in order to allocate places. This year there are 140 students invited to participate; our students being 49 of them! This is a fantastic result and a testament to their teachers, Mrs Haringcaspel and Mrs Seneviratne, and their parents for supporting their ongoing education in music.

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The Junior Band in their debut performance played three songs on the Early Years Assembly last Friday and they were amazing! Great things are going to come from this group of very talented students and their teacher. Check out Facebook for more photos.

Senior Band and Senior Strings are getting their performance hours up in readiness for Fanfare on Monday 23rd May. Senior Band performed on Student of the Month Parade this week and Senior Strings will perform next week on Middle Years Assembly.

A reminder too that all friends and family are invited to the Fanfare Twilight Concert on Sunday 22nd May in the school hall from 4-5pm. This gives the students one last practice for an audience before their competition the next day. Fanfare has free entry and our ensembles are performing at the following times:

**Senior String Ensemble** first in the session 8:45am - 9:55am – **Arrive at 8:05am**

**Senior Concert Band** perform 1:05 PM in the session 12:25pm - 2:20pm – **Arrive at 12:10 PM**

Thank you to parents who have been sending in hire fees and levies in for instrumental and choral music. Please continue to do so. If you are unsure about any fees, please let me know.

**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

Katie Stubbings, A/Deputy Principal
Important Dates - May
17 May IMPS Meeting - 6pm Library
18 May P & C Meeting - 7pm Library

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

There has been some confusion about music uniforms being needed for members of the Junior Choir. Our Junior Choir only wear our regular school uniform. If you have recently purchased a uniform for your Junior Choir student and have not named it or washed it, please return it to the Uniform Store for a refund.

Superseded LONG SLEEVE POLOS Sizes 16 & 18 – clearing at $3.00

SECON DhAND UNIFORMS - Do you have old uniforms in good condition lying around? The Uniform Store needs all CURRENT uniform items plus SMALL DRESS SIZES. Please wash and bring into the store. You may either sell them here or donate them to the store.

Charyl Cowles, Stationery Convenor
3550 5359 (0431 265 068
stationery@fernygrovess.eq.edu.au

Madonna Morton, Uniform Convenor
3550 5342 (0409 272 062)
uniform@fernygrovess.eq.edu.au

Tuckshop
As of Term 3 it will be expected that all orders are placed online using our ordering system, Flexischools. This system allows parents, students and staff to place orders from home, work or school at any time. The payment is also done online, so less paper bags, cash, and envelopes are sent via your student to school. As well as being convenient for parents, the online orders are much faster and easier for our convenors to process - so it makes everyone’s life a little easier. Flexischools is well established and tested, operating in hundreds of schools across Australia.


A reminder we no longer serve breakfast. Fresh Fruit cups $1.00 every Friday from 8:00am in conjunction with Footloose Friday.

A big thank to our volunteers who work hard and commit their time once a month. You too can become a volunteer. Follow our link https://www.volunteersignup.org/8ELLJ or simply see Tuckshop staff. Special Thanks to Jane Watkinson and Catherine Turton for donating/baking our yummy banana bread, great job ladies.

We welcome any questions/feedback/comments regarding flexischools and tuckshop issues. Our new email address: tuckshop@fernygrovess.eq.edu.au.

Liz Mu, Senior Managing Tuckshop Convenor
3550 5361
Community news

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

Teen Trials and Tribulations

How close are you to your teen? How much do you know about them? How do you lay down the law?

Help us understand how parenting and family relationships affect teen behaviour and emotions

Participate to go into a draw to WIN TWO MOVIE TICKETS

If you have a teenager between the ages of 11 and 18 years old visit:

EXP.PSY.UQ.EDU.AU/PARENTINGTEENS/PROJECT/TRIBULATIONS

Complete a brief and anonymous 30 minute survey about your parenting, your relationship with your teen and their wellbeing. Your teenager can take part in a similar anonymous survey about their behaviour and emotional wellbeing.

For more information contact the research team at parentingteens@uq.edu.au.
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.

Excellence is never an accident. It is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, and intelligent execution; it represents the wise choice of many alternatives - choice, not chance, determines your destiny.

Aristotle
HOST FAMILIES

URGENTLY REQUIRED for JAPANESE STUDENTS
Ritsumeikan Uji JHS (from Kyoto) 14-15 y.o.

ARRIVAL DATE: 21st Aug (SUN) 2016
DEPARURE DATE: 2nd SEP (FRI) 2016
ATTENDING SCHOOL: Ferny Grove SS

HOST FAMILY REQUIREMENTS:
• No other Japanese person staying with the family
• Provide 3 meals per day
• Own bed, but can share a room with a host child
• Over 18’s hold a Blue Card or willing to apply through us
• Safe travel to & from school

Families with children in ANY GRADES are welcome to host

*Single Placement, Remuneration ($510) paid
AUSTRALIA JAPAN STUDY PROGRAMME (AISP)
Email: ajspkeiko@gmail.com Ph: 0466 547 549 (Keiko)
Website: www.ajsp.net.au

Masquerade Ball
Saturday, 18th June, 2016
Eagle Farm Racecourse - Tote Room
7pm-12 Midnight
Join us for a fun filled night
◆ Raffles ◆ Auction ◆ Lucky Door Prize
Tickets $150 include Champagne Cocktail on Arrival,
3 Course Meal, Wine and Beer (4 hrs)
and Dancing
DRESS CODE: FORMAL
ENQUIRIES: MARGARET 0412 850 122

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