## Events

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2pm Year 3 Footsteps  
7pm FAST Meeting  
Advanced Music Camp | 3pm - 4.30pm Bike workshop  
Prep - Year 2 | Year 4 Raw Art  
Year 2 Lego Excursion  
7pm P&C Meeting | 7:30am Chappy Breakfast  
8am Year 1 Morning Reading  
Year 2 Lego Excursion  
3pm Scooter Skills Session  
5:30pm BBQ for  
6pm Advanced Music Camp  
Concert - Ferny Grove SS | Footloose Friday  
Under 8’s Day  
2pm NO Early Years Assembly |

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| 7.15am Senior Band Rehearsal  
8:50am Middle Years Assembly  
2pm Year 3 Footsteps  
Principal for the Day | 6pm IMPS Meeting | 7.15am Junior Band Rehearsal  
Year 3 ‘Out of the Box’ Excursion  
Report Cards sent home | 8:45-11am Year 5 Amazing Maths Race  
Sports Carnival  
Prep – Year 3  
School Disco  
5-6:30pm Prep - Year 3  
7-8:30pm Years 4-6 | Footloose Friday  
2pm NO Early Years Assembly  
END OF TERM 2  
School Holidays 25 Jun - 10 July  
Term 3 Commences 11 July |

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### Student Absence

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

**Payments Due**

- **Year 2**  
  Lego Education Centre  
  15-16 June $19  
  Due 9 June
- **Year 3**  
  Out of the Box 22 June $8  
  Due 9 June
- **Year 4**  
  Raw Art 15 June $8  
  Due 9 June

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.

### Such great sports...

**Determination on the faces of these 10 year old boys in their 100m race, proudly representing Kookaburras, Kingfishers, Kangaroos and Koalas.**

What a fabulous display of our school value of “Effort” on show at our Year 4 – 6 Sports Carnival days held last week. While some students are “sportier” than others it is amazing to see the enthusiasm, levels of participation and students giving their best “effort”. Congratulations to all who participated and to the staff who organised and officiated over the two days, especially Mr Gary Kirby, our PE Specialist. Another reason to be proud of our great school! Don’t forget to check out the Sports news on Page for more information.
Ferny Grove State School prides itself on the diverse and responsive communication strategy we employ. There are so many avenues for parents to know what is going on in our school and we are constantly ensuring the accuracy of this information via Vanessa’s work as our Community Liaison Officer.

When I talk to new parents at our school I always emphasise that it is a partnership between home and school and that this is a mutual agreement we share with each other. Most people are clear on our responsibilities and each year I use this forum to emphasise the responsibilities of parents. They are as follows.

- Ensure students are at school and on time each morning.
- Attend parent teacher interviews when offered the opportunity by teachers.
- Always ring or email to arrange a time for detailed discussions about your child.
- Never compromise a teacher’s authority at school. What happens in a classroom and when it happens is entirely the teacher’s job. They will tell you when might be the best time for birthday celebrations, chatting about your child is etc.
- Avoid waiting for your child in the vicinity of the classrooms. Your children are learning all the way through to 2:50pm and parents should not be in sight or hearing of students.
- Parents should avoid approaching teachers between 8:40 and 2:50pm and never when they are teaching. Feel free to come to the office and we will help you if we can or you can email your teacher. Every teacher and school leader has their email address on our website.
- The class teacher will usually be your first ‘port of call’ unless the incident is serious and requires reporting to either of our Deputy Principals or to me.

Your School Council has published a policy which clearly communicates our policy for raising concerns and communicating positive feedback. The link is [here](#) for you to peruse.

In the vast majority of cases concerns are resolved quickly and efficiently, largely due to the willingness of all involved to be reasonable and engaged in finding solutions.

**SPAG BOL**

Don’t forget to purchase tickets for SPAG BOL’s latest production of ‘CACTUS’ on Thursday and Friday evening. The students, staff and parents have put in an amazing amount of work and they deserve a big audience to perform to.

* Brett Shackleton, Principal

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**Student of the Month Parade**

It was an eventful morning at our Student of the Month Parade. Our Senior Band and Percussion Ensemble performed with confidence and we were lucky to view a short live performance and promo video from the upcoming drama spectacular, "Cactus”. Well done to our deserving Student of the Month recipients, with awards presented by Councillor Steve Toomey.

- Olivia T - Prep W
- Archie T - 1NJ
- Mitchell W - 2CC
- Justin C - 3V
- Nancy P - 4GT
- Sasha E - 5B
- Chiara S - 6R
- Deputy Principal Special Award - Sam H 1/2F

More photos on our [Facebook](#) page!
Early years news

Prep 2017
It is crazy to think that we are already at that stage of the year where we start looking at numbers for next year’s Prep cohort. If you have a child born 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 then he/she is eligible to start Prep next year. If you haven’t already, could you please notify our office so that we can add your child’s name to our list. Enrolment interviews can now be booked online here on our website. As you can appreciate it is important to have our numbers as accurate as possible to help with planning.

OREO the cow
She is finished….just waiting on a final coat of varnish, but she is finished!! Well done Mrs Cash and 2CC, I think she looks absolutely beautiful and that you are all very clever for your decoupage design.

Next week I will take her back for her judging (a winner in my eyes regardless of outcome) I will let you know how she goes!! Perhaps swing past the library before next Wednesday to whisper a ‘good luck’ in her ear, I am sure that will make her feel very confident as she heads back to headquarters with all of the other cows!!

Jacki Schott, A/Deputy Principal

General news

School banking
Please be aware that due to the Prep - Year 3 sports day, there will be no school banking on Thursday 23 June. The last day for banking for term 2 will be Thursday 16 June.

Reward items available for order are the following:
Term 1 item - wildlife writers set
Term 2 item - mud splat handball
Term 2 item - outback Pat bag tag
2015 items available for order include : ET DVD, Galaxy Glider (frisbee), Intergalactic Rocket, Outer Space Savers Moneybox.

Sandra Karrasch, Banking Coordinator
Middle years news

Maybe it’s the rain, the wind, the time of term, the full moon?? We all use these excuses to explain our children’s behaviour. Lately I’ve noticed some students in the upper school exhibiting some behaviours that have sent me searching for “what is normal?” I found the following information on an American website but it presents (a very generalised) view of what’s considered typical for a particular aged child. I must admit, reading the 11 year old description pretty much matched up. Please keep in mind that every child is different and won’t fit perfectly into any description. This is an interesting read which details just how different kids can be from year to year. You can read the article here - Where they are, where they’re going.

If you ever have any concerns regarding your child, please contact their class teacher.

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

Library news

Book fair is well under way with a great selection of picture books, easy to advanced chapter books, a big choice of non-fiction and lots of craft books starting from $2.00. We will be here from 8am in the morning and after school until 3.30pm all week.

Chappy news

Don’t forget next Thursday 16 June is Chappy Breakfast from 7.30am near the hall - gold coin donation - come on down and support Chappy Alexia!

Ferny Grove Festival

OCTOBER 8, 2016

“CACTUS” news

Don’t miss out on our first SPAG BOL production. Opening night is tomorrow night! A great affordable family night out. Still plenty of tickets available at the door. There’s gonna be a whole lotta gunslingin’, bootscootin’, plottin’, schemin’, outlaws and injuns!

Performances are Thursday 9 and Friday 10 June - doors open 6pm for a 6.30 start. Tickets $5 each.
The Extended Learning activity – Footy Frenzy finished this week. The children enjoyed learning new soccer skills and tricks while playing with their friends. The children loved getting their certificates at the end of the session.

Work has continued on the straw and tape bridges which must span a 40cm gap and hold the weight of a tip truck. Various designs have come together in diverse, colourful ways and students have experimented with different types of joins and fixing points.

In two weeks, we will find which bridges can support the tip truck and which buckle under the pressure. We will then stress test each to find the strongest bridge built this term. All students will receive a certificate to recognise their contribution to science and engineering.

Chess Mates specialises in teaching chess to children of all age groups and skill levels. Our team is dedicated to teaching chess in a fun and interesting way, so that children of any age can join in regardless of experience level. We teach younger students through songs and stories, for older or more advanced students we teach openings, strategies and forward planning. We don’t focus on winning (in fact, we teach kids how to deal with winning and losing). Instead, we focus on making new friends and having fun while learning.

The classes will be starting on the 14th of July and will be held in the Library from 3:00 - 3:40 PM on a Thursday afternoon. The cost for the classes will be $10 per session.

If you have any questions about the classes please either email info@chessmates.com.au or call 0415 256 452.
Sport news
Sports Day 2016
Wow! What a tremendous effort from our students at this year’s Track and Field Carnival (Years 4-6) last week. Another fabulous turnout on what turned out to be a perfect day for athletics. It was wonderful to look down the track at the sea of colour and the plethora of smiling faces!

As has been the tradition over the past few years the day got off to a rousing start with our talented Marching Band (our Junior Band), ably conducted by Mrs Haringcaspel, leading in our House Captains to the tumultuous applause of the gathered throng.

After Mrs Stubbings had officially opened the day the competition was underway. To the cheers of the crowd and the occasional spot of music, courtesy of Mr Bryant, we witnessed some outstanding efforts and many great Olympic like performances. It was very uplifting to see the students having a go! The sporting spirit at Ferny Grove is alive and well!!

The many memorable moments were captured on film and can be viewed on the school Facebook page. (Great job Mr Bryant!)

When the final scores were tallied Kookaburra House were again crowned Ball Games Champions. Well done Kookaburras. As the cheers died down all eyes were fixed on Mr Shackleton as he drew nearer the microphone with the final results of the two days in his hand. The crowd was silent with the steely air of anticipation – “will it be us” - were the murmurs permeating the crowd. With his usual aplomb the Boss announced the winning house and Age Champions for 2016.

Congratulations to Koalas House on winning this year and to the following students crowned Age Champions!!

9 years
Boys – Jacob Austin
Girls – Caitlyn Gould

10 years
Boys – Joel Bertram–Williams
Girls –Bella Fiannaca and Pushana Kesselly

11 years
Boys – Zac Webster
Girls – Sierra Jeh

12 years
Boys – Macauley Veivers
Girls – Savannah Townsend

Days like this can only happen with the help of many people – thanks particularly to all of the students who competed, the parents and family members who attended and those parents who gave up their time to work in canteens and coffee carts. Well done!

My final thanks go to the wonderful Teachers and Staff at Ferny Grove who worked tirelessly prior to and on the day, setting up, officiating and cleaning up after the event – well done everyone a great team effort!!

There is no doubt in my mind that as mentioned earlier the spirit of sportsmanship and participation is alive and well at Ferny Grove. Thank you.

Gary Kirby, PE Specialist
Sports news

Here are some more great photos of our Middle Years Sports Carnival 2016. For more than 500 photos head to our Facebook page.

Prep – Year 3 Sports Day – 2016 - Thursday 23rd June

## March past approx. 8.45am – then events as per timetable below.

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Instrumental Music & Performing Arts

Congratulations to our Junior Band who became our marching band to open the day at our recent Senior Athletics Carnival. Junior Band will perform again as marching band for the Junior Years Sports Day in the last week of Term.

SPAG BOL will present “Cactus” this week after months of rehearsals, set construction and costume design. A huge thank you to all the parents who have contributed to getting the kids performance ready! Special mention to David Sandilands and our staff who have put some very long hours in teaching and mentoring our kids in the art of performance. No doubt it will be a night to remember for all involved.

Student of the Month parade this week was action packed with Senior Band, Percussion Ensemble and a sneak peek from “Cactus” to entertain the entire school.

Advanced Music Camp is next on the calendar. All students will attend Ferny Hills SS Monday-Wednesday and Ferny Grove SS on the Thursday and Thursday evening for the concert 6:30pm. Please bring all the family. Aside from experiencing what our students will have learnt over the camp, the Alumni Orchestra representing 20 years of Advanced Music Camp will also perform.

Our next major performance event is the Brisbane Bands Festival on 18 July for both Senior Strings and Senior Band. As has been preferred for past music performances, we will be hiring buses to transport the students and their instruments to the Queen Street Mall. A letter detailing costs and performance times will come home soon.

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 me. The next meeting will be Tuesday 21st June @ 6pm in the Library

Upcoming Events
• 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
Defence news

Catch up Club News
Catch up Club has been a very busy place over the last couple of weeks. The children have enjoyed the outdoor game ‘Poison ball’ and playing Board games with friends while enjoying some delicious popcorn. This week the children have been sheltering from the cold weather while enjoying colouring-in pictures from the latest movies. Join us in weeks 10 and 11 for some creative chalk drawing and Lego construction.

Defence Parents Morning Tea
On Tuesday 31st May our Defence parents were treated to morning tea and the opportunity to talk to Defence Families of Australia’s National delegate for Southern Queensland, Mrs Danielle Hollington and Southern Queensland’s Regional Education Liaison Officer (REDLO), Ms Cathy Dellit.

Defence Families of Australia (DFA) is an independent advocacy group formed to represent the diversity and views of families of serving Australian Defence Force members. Their aim is to inform government and Defence on the needs of the family by providing a recognised forum for their views and by reporting, making recommendations and influencing policy that directly affects families, thus ensuring quality of life for all Defence families. The organisation reports directly to the Minister for Defence, the Chief of Defence Force, Service Chiefs and Defence stakeholders. They aim to influence policy making that directly affects ADF families, as well as provide independent and accurate advice to Government and Defence Families. Mrs Hollington is currently seeking to speak to as many of our school’s ADF Families in order to ascertain community opinion especially in regards to absence from home support, spouse employment, Members with Dependents Unaccompanied (MWDU), as well as feedback relating to Defence Community Centres. For further information please contact Danielle Hollington via email: sth.qld@dfa.org.au or Mobile: 0418 939 675. You can also visit www.dfa.org.au or www.facebook.com/DefenceFamiliesofAustralia.

Defence Community Organisation (DCO) is an organisation that offers a range of programs and services to help Defence families manage the military way of life. They offer support from social workers, assistance for partners’ education and employment, help with childcare, assistance for dependants with special needs, support for community groups, help for families during crisis and emergency, education support for children, and assistance for members leaving the military. Cathy Dellit (REDLO) was on hand at the morning tea to provide information relating to the many education programs and resources offered by DCO to help minimise the disruption to children’s education caused by relocation. To access these services or to gain referral to a local DCO office contact the Defence Family Helpline at defencefamilyhelpline@defence.gov.au or on 1800 624 608. You can also visit www.defence.gov.au/dco.

We would like to thank Danielle Hollington and Cathy Dellit for attending the morning tea and sharing valuable information with our Defence Families.

Support for the children in Juba, South Sudan
We would like to extend a big thank you to the generous members of our community who have already sent stationery and arts and craft materials to be sent to the children at the Orphanage in Juba, South Sudan. Collection boxes will remain in classrooms until the end of term 2, so please keep bringing donations in. We would also like to thank Nicole, Leah and Flory for their help covering and delivering the collection boxes to each classroom. It has been wonderful to see the compassion some of our students have demonstrated when called to care for someone less fortunate than themselves by creating beautiful cards and writing thoughtful and caring messages. Thank you.

Jessica De la Jara & Liz Heddershaw, Defence School Transition Aides
Important Dates - June
13 June FAST Meeting 7pm Library
15 June P & C Meeting - 7pm Library
21 June IMPS Meeting - 6pm Library

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Trackpants $3.00

Brand new Micro trackpants Sizes 8 & 10 - $20 each

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

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

Liz Mu, Senior Managing Tuckshop Convenor
3550 5361

Airconditioning Project - Tax deductible!

2015 marked the start of a four year project by the P&C to air condition learning spaces across the school, this has the capability of transforming these spaces within our school, particularly during the hotter months of the year.

Air-conditioning the school is a very large and expensive project, one that requires the help of our entire school community in order to complete.

The total cost of the project is $260,000 this includes supply and installation, servicing, maintenance and power consumption. The P&C is responsible for all costs associated with air conditioning with power consumption being the only cost that will be picked up by the school after 3 years from date of install.

Each classroom will cost $6000 to air condition.

The P&C is designating proceeds from Festival and fundraising activities to this project, following is our yearly fundraising goals:

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With this shortfall, we are asking the school community for their support as we work together for this goal. You can help in one of 3 ways:

- **Tax deductible donation** to our Air Conditioning project fund
- Helping with our main fundraiser – Festival
- Attending and supporting our fundraising events

As End of Financial year approaches it would be the perfect time to make a **tax-deductible donation**. You can do this:

- Direct Deposit - Please email Jodee Harris, Business Operations Manager at [jharr867@eq.edu.au](mailto:jharr867@eq.edu.au) for details
- or with cash, cheque or credit card via our P & C Uniform and Stationery Stores.

Help us make a difference for our children.

Tony Clark, P & C President
aclar490@eq.edu.au

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**Willmore Kindergarten & Preschool Open Day**
Saturday 18th June 2016
9am—11am

Come along to meet the wonderful teachers, to explore Willmore’s beautiful grounds.

Willmore Kindergarten & Preschool is affiliated with the Creche and Kindergarten Association, and is proudly run by the community.

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