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### Student Absence

Our Term 3 Bulk Bill is available [here](#).

### Payments Due

**Year 5**  
Camp Goodenough  
5 - 7 October $250  
Due 25 August  

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.

## In celebration of Indigenous Australians

(L to R) Deputy Katie Stubbings, Mr James Sandy, Aunty Flo Watson, Uncle Ross Williams, Deputy Jacki Schott shared morning tea with indigenous students and their parents for NAIDOC Week.

NAIDOC celebrations are held around Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

As NAIDOC week this year fell during the second week of the holidays, we have celebrated at Ferny Grove State School in this first week of Term 3. On Monday, July 11, during our whole school assembly, Aunty Flo Watson, Uncle Ross Williams and visitor James Sandy, Regional Community Partnership Officer for Metropolitan region joined us, acknowledging country and sharing their stories.

Aunty Flo is the Chairperson and Ross Williams is a committee member of the Teralba Park Stolen Generations Support Group which recently hosted a Sorry Day event which our school and student leaders attended. Ross explained Songlines, the theme of NAIDOC Week 2016 and gave the students a great example, with the Bruce Highway and Mt Tibrogargan. We also held a morning tea with our visitors, our indigenous students and some of their parents.
Respect is an interesting word, it is also one of the most important of our school values. It is something we show through our behaviour, our actions, our words. Respect is given and respect is earned, but never assumed. It is demonstrated most powerfully when times are tough.

Last week was NAIDOC Week, a powerful and important celebration of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. Just as significantly, it is a time to celebrate the people who have contributed so much to the cultural diversity of our great nation. Ferny Grove SS is taking the time to acknowledge and celebrate this important national event throughout this week. I was reminded by Ross Williams, one of our special guests for parade on Monday, of the importance of stories in our culture. Ross spoke of taking the time to know and understand Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and people. We could all benefit from reflection on this quote. “Until you know someone’s story be slow to judge and quick to listen and understand”.

My challenge to all the students and adults in the hall was to end this week knowing a little more about our ‘proud and deadly’ indigenous culture, but more importantly take the time to understand the stories of the people who created this culture.

On the holidays I watched a 4 Corners program about the changing nature of employment for the next generation of young people (your kids). They discussed the range of jobs that were being rapidly absorbed by technology. More importantly they discussed the range of skills our young people will need to find their way in this new world of employment. Skills such as the following were discussed.

* Problem solving
* Collaboration
* Communication
* Adaptability
* Creativity
* Critical thinking
* Capacity to learn new skills
* Resilience

These are all skills we have identified as important outcomes for our work at FGSS along with core literacy and numeracy capabilities. That is why we offer so much diversity in our curriculum and extra curricula programs

including the following:

- SPAG BOL (Performing Arts Group)
- Bright Sparks Entrepreneurial Program
- Balance of play, negotiation and formal teaching in Prep
- Sport, Music, Drama, Languages
- Kitchen garden (with chickens)
- Science clubs
- Debating
- Expressive Arts Week
- iPad classes etc

Because of our work in this area we have been successful in winning a grant to support our Bright Sparks Program for the next three years. We have believed for some time that students need to see real world applications for their learning, which is why you see our students’ work published on Facebook, parades etc. The funding has been provided to us from an Education Queensland initiative called Entrepreneurs of Tomorrow. Congrats to Mrs Baird and Mr Bryant who put the application together at short notice. The $16 600 will fund student projects within the program and allow us to pay for real world product development, excursions, industry mentors etc.

The aim of the Entrepreneurs of Tomorrow program is to inform ways in which we can develop the skills students need to become the creators and innovators of Queensland’s future. Successful applicants will be required to make their resources available to all state schools to assist them in developing their own entrepreneurial learning programs.

Brett Shackleton, Principal

Footloose Friday

Don’t forget our Active School Travel program encourages students to Walk, Cycle, Scoot, use Public Transport or Carpool, each and every Friday. This encourages healthy lifestyles and reduces congestion around our school. Fruit cups are available for breakfast at the Tuckshop for $1 every Footloose Friday.
Middle years news

Welcome back to term 3! It’s hard to believe that I have been here for nine months now. Thank you to everyone for your congratulations and well wishes upon my permanent appointment. I have now officially “crossed the road” from the high school and am very excited about my future in the primary system and in our wonderful school.

This term showcases our expressive arts with a talent quest, art competition and exhibition, music incursion and Expressive Arts Showcase Week including a concert! There’ll be a lot going on behind the scenes, but right now the students are practicing their acts and getting creative, such a wonderful opportunity for them… I can’t wait.

We have recently welcomed quite a few new families from intra-state, interstate and across the world. We hope you are settling into your new classes well. Please don’t hesitate to communicate with your class teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Katie Stubbings, Deputy Principal
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The Importance of Fluency & How Parents Can Help

Fluency is a key contributor toward independent and successful reading and is comprised of three parts: accuracy, rate and expression. (Hudson, 2011; Reutzel & Cooter, 2012; Walpole, et al) Fluent readers read more words and because of this, they have increased opportunities to further develop their word recognition skills, broaden their vocabulary, increase their knowledge about the world, and strengthen and refine their comprehension abilities.

Work on sight words at home. To be able to read with a smooth flowing rate and expression, students should be able to readily name over 90% of the words in the text (Arlington, 2012)

Use the 5 Finger word test on books chosen by your child. As the child reads they place a finger on an unknown word.
0 -1 Fingers -Too Easy
2-3 Fingers - Just Right
4-5 Fingers – Too Hard

Demonstrate reading fluently to your child. Tell your child that reading should sound like talking.

Check that your child is understanding what they are reading. Remember that some students can read accurately and “sound “fluent yet when asked about the text may not have understood an author’s message. Check at the end of a page or chapter. “What happened there?

Above all, enjoy!

Lyn Vickerson, STLan (Support Teacher Literacy and Numeracy)
General news

School Opinion Survey
The annual School Opinion Survey will be conducted 11 to 29 July 2016. All families, school staff and a random sample of students will be invited to participate. We encourage you to take this opportunity to have your say about what this school does well, and how this school can improve. Access details for the Parent/Caregiver Survey will be sent home with students this week.

Positive Parenting Program (Triple P)
Group Triple P classes are being offered this term. Classes will be on Thursdays, 18 August, 25 August and 1 September at 6:30 pm in the staffroom.

Classes are free and include a workbook for participants – all Ferny Grove State School parents are welcome.

Please indicate your intention to join us for the program (3 classes) beginning with the first class on August 18th by emailing Peter at pwhee3@eq.edu.au.

Upper Kedron Road upgrades
We have been advised by Cedar Woods Properties Limited that they will shortly commence road widening and intersection (including traffic light) upgrades on Upper Kedron Road. These improvements will enhance the safety of those roads for both parents as they commute and also our students who walk, bicycle or scooter to school. More information about the upgrade can be found here.

Early years news

Welcome back – Term 3 already!
Our Junior Sports Carnival was cancelled last term due to a really soggy oval. Gary Kirby and I have decided that the date for our rescheduled sports day will be Thursday, 21 July. The original timetable will still apply and the junior band will be required for the opening of the day. I have ordered some really nice weather for the day, so fingers crossed.

Prep Enrolments
Our 2017 block prep enrolment interviews are held from August 1 until September 2. If you have a child born 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 they are of Prep age for next year. Please ensure you have booked an enrolment interview online here. If you have any concerns regarding Prep readiness I am very happy to discuss this further with you. You can contact the office or email me directly to organise a time. As you can appreciate the more accurate we are with our enrolment predictions the better organised we can be.

Jacki Schott, Deputy Principal
jscho62@eq.edu.au

Prep Playground update
Due to the design of our new play space in Prep we ask that this area be out of bounds before and after school. The features of the playground require direct supervision and management of the resources used in that space, a responsibility given to staff. Please refrain from allowing your child/ren to play there outside of school hours. You are still welcome to play in the older Prep playground, remembering that like all of our playgrounds, it must occur only under direct parental supervision outside normal school hours.
### Junior Sports Carnival 2016 - Prep-Year 3 - Thursday 21 July

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**Parent Canteen for Junior Carnival**

Don't forget that the Parents Canteen and the Coffee Cart will be open for the Junior Sports Carnival next Thursday. The Canteen is run by our FAST (Fundraising and Social Team) and all profits go back to the school.

Come visit us and warm up with pumpkin soup, sausage rolls, quiches and spinach and feta triangles (All homemade by our wonderful parents).

Grab a hot coffee, tea or hot chocolate from the Coffee Cart, together with a lovely fresh baked treat. (Tuckshop will be open for the students.)

Wear your House Colours, bring a chair and support our students!
Library news

Term three is shaping up to be a busy one. Every Tuesday and Wednesday this term we will have a variety of craft activities on the library deck for students from all grades to participate in. This week in celebration of NAIDOC week we have been creating some fabulous indigenous artworks.

Book Week

20-26 August will be Book Week. During this week we will have fun activities every day for students to participate in. Thursday the 25th of August is dress up day where students get the chance to dress up as their favourite book character. Put your thinking caps on and come up with some great costume ideas.

Leane Dunn, Library Coordinator
Lost late last term a pair of pink and purple girls glasses in a blue zip case.

**Instrumental Music & Performing Arts**

Senior Band performed “Uptown Funk” on our special whole school assembly this week. It was a lot of fun, particularly with the audience singing along!

**Monday 18th July** Senior Band and Senior Strings are performing in the Queen Street Mall at 12pm and 12:15pm in the **Brisbane Bands Festival**. Permission/medical forms and bus payment are due now. Buses will be leaving from Ferny Grove at 10:15am and return around 1:30pm.

Intermediate Camp forms, for Concert Band students in their second year, went home before the holidays, please return these and payment of $85 per student by **Monday, 18 July**.

**Facebook** – we are endeavouring to streamline our communication for the Instrumental Music page. With multiple ensembles, sectionals and lessons it’s really important that we get the information to parents in an effective and timely manner. The Instrumental Music page will be updated each evening with information relevant to the following day.

**Upcoming Events**

- 18 July – Brisbane Bands Festival
- 9th and 11th August – Intermediate Camp
- 23 August - IMPS Meeting 6pm
- 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

**Year 3’s - Out of the Box!**

*Katie Stubbings, A/Deputy Principal*
Admin news

**Japanese Homestay**

Thank you to our wonderful community for answering the call yet again this year in being homestay families for the Ritsumeikan Japanese tour at the end of August. We still need 3 families to support this tour as soon as possible. See details to the right.

*Katie Stubbings, Deputy Principal*

**Parent Teacher Interviews**

Teachers will be devising timetables for parent-teacher interviews in the next few weeks. We will be moving to an online process to book interview times so stay tuned for more information on this process. We will email booking links to everyone once the timetables have been finalised.

**Invoices via email**

The Term 3 Bulk Bill letter has been emailed home today and there is also a link to it on the front page of this newsletter. There is important information to read in it regarding the system generated invoices that you will receive for your child/ren shortly. It should clarify any questions you have about the emailed invoices.

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Festival news

Don’t forget to start working on some donations for our Festival being held on October 8 this year. Can you help with any of these? Drop off times will be in Term 3.

**Treasure Trove**

*Work on cleaning out any books, DVDs, good quality toys and games that you no longer need ready to donate for our Prep Treasure Trove.*

**Take cuttings from your garden and pot them up for our Garden stall.**

**Second-hand kids clothing**

This year at the **FESTIVAL** we will be having a second-hand kid’s clothing store.

If you have any pre-loved kids clothing in good condition that you would like to donate please drop to the Uniform/Stationery Store in Term 3.

*Lena Jackson, 1/2F*

**Jar Junction**

In 2015 there was not a single jar left at the end of the day and we are busily preparing for another sell out. We are currently looking for donations of clean glass jars as well as the finished product! Some ideas on what we are seeking (but not limited to) include clean empty jars of any size, sweets, small toys (marbles, small dinosaurs, craft items, bath salts, pens/pencils, small cars, paperclips, loot bag items), labels, homemade preserves/jams/chutneys or even just a vegemite/pasta sauce filled jar from the grocery store. We appreciate any help and donations. Thank-you.

*Melanie-Allyce Bennett, 1M*
Lost late last term a pair of pink and purple girl's glasses in a blue zip case.
Chappy news
A quote from a book called "Start Today"

Even Spring doesn’t come all at once, it comes leaf by leaf.

For myself starting out new in so many ways, it is good to be reminded that things take time and happen bit by bit. Patience is necessary and we must go through the winter before the Spring comes.

I hope for many of you the holidays held wonderful times with families and that you were able to put some quality time and attention to some fun activities and get outdoors or perhaps you made a decision to have a pyjama day.

As I mentioned in my last newsletter, I was going to be on a camp over the holidays with a student from school. The experience from start to finish for the child and myself was extraordinary. What was interesting was the big difference that can happen in a child’s life when put in an environment that places them outside their comfort zone and how they respond in relation to that. This was a perfect environment for building trust and relying on others to help and support. We experienced abseiling, archery, canoeing, giant swing, rock climbing, orienteering, and lots of games that I remember playing when I was young. Through the generous support of the local church 'The Grove', Chaplaincy at Ferny Grove and an anonymous sponsor, we were able to allow a child to experience different healthy interactions with others, explore new challenges and see the child thrive through it all. Everyone delighted in getting to know her, and she was pushed beyond her comfort zone on many occasions. Chaplaincy builds bridges within the school community that then allows others to connect in different ways that may have once seemed unreachable.

Alexia Hoffman, School Chappy

Please support Ferny Grove SS Chaplaincy Program
We’ve been selected to participate in Local Matters at Grill’d Newmarket this July! Local Matters is the Grill’d community donation program that sees each Grill’d restaurant donate $500 back into the community every month. The donation is split between 3 local community groups $300 / $100 / $100.

HOW YOU CAN HELP?
We’d love your support in receiving the highest $300 donation! Simply head to Grill’d Newmarket during July for a burger and pop your Local Matters token in our jar. The group with the most tokens at the end of the month receives the largest donation.
It’s a simple way to show your support!
You’ll find us on a jar at Grill’d Newmarket, Reading Newmarket Shopping Centre 400 Newmarket Rd Newmarket.

Some of our indigenous students enjoying morning tea to celebrate NAIDOC Week.
Important Dates – July
20 July P & C Meeting - 7pm Library
23 July IMPS Meeting - 6pm Library

Stationery & Uniform Store
REGULAR HOURS
MONDAY & FRIDAY mornings 8-10am
2-5pm WEDNESDAY afternoons
Due to circumstances beyond our control our shipment of size 8 and 10 polo shirts has been delayed, hopefully we will have them in stock by July 22.
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

Coffee Cart
Did you have a birthday during the holidays? Or is your birthday coming up soon? We love to give out FREE birthday drinks. Students just need a signed note from a parent giving permission to post their photo on Facebook. Like us on Facebook to hear about giveaways and competitions. Facebook/fgsscoffeecart.

Tuckshop
Welcome back. Our Term 3 Menu is now available to view via flexischools and on our schools website. A friendly reminder to place orders at www.flexischools.com.au.
Flexischools
The use of the Flexischools online ordering system is a P & C decision that the tuckshop is required to implement, to facilitate the improvement of tuckshop delivery procedures.
Flexischools has been in place for the past 7 years now, so there has been ample opportunity for everyone to learn and adapt to this system. The benefits of the Flexischools system far outweigh any negatives, with the following key points below;
- Flexischools enables students who have insufficient funds or unable to write their names down the ability to order without missing out on their lunches.
- Flexischools enables students who may have allergies to explicitly state their food requirements & ensures this responsibility remains with their parents.
- With Flexischools, there are no late lunch orders, missed lunches, less accounting, no debt recovery and provides the ability to order meals in advance, either daily, weekly or even for the entire term.
- Flexischools also allows the Tuckshop to accurately forecast and subsequently prepare the necessary amount of food for orders, leading to less wastage.
These are the reasons why the Tuckshop actively encourages everyone to get on board and use Flexischools and would like to take this opportunity to thank those who currently utilise and support this system.
Finally, for those who miss the cut-off for orders at 9 am, there will only be basic sandwiches, snacks and drinks available (this includes phone orders).
See registration and how to place order link:

Fresh Produce
Tuckshop has received some fresh produce harvested from our kitchen garden which includes big yellow zucchini, cherry tomatoes, basil and cucumbers. I’m excited to share that some of this produce was made into cheesy vegetable muffin which are now available for only $1.50. We added juicy cherry tomatoes and cucumbers into our salads. Looking forward to more fresh produce from our Garden - great job to everyone who is involved.

Liz Mu, Senior Managing Tuckshop Convenor
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tuckshop@fernygroves.eq.edu.au

Air-conditioning project
We are now in the second year of the four year project by the P&C to air condition learning spaces across the school. 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.
Our budget for this year’s installations is $62,300. Our estimated income from Festival is $30,000 plus another $20,000 from other P & C fundraising activities, for a total of $50,000. This means we have a shortfall of $12,300 for this year.
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:
- Helping with our main fundraiser – Festival
- Attending and supporting our fundraising events
Help us make a difference for our children.

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

OCTOBER 8
3 - 9pm

FERNY GROVE
FESTIVAL 2016