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Student Absence

Our Term 3 Bulk Bill is available here.

Payments Due
Prep
Raw Art 8/9 August $9.50
Due 4 August

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

Year 4/5/6
Summer Sport 5 August $80
Due 11 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.

Well what a day! We were greeted with sunny skies and warm temperatures just as ordered by Mrs Schott. As the fabulous marching band, led by Mrs. Haringcaspel, heralded the arrival of the athletes all was in readiness for a wonderful day of “competition”. Parents cheering, children running, war cries blaring out and the sound of excitement in the air made for a great carnival experience for all in attendance. Mrs Schott occasionally issuing encouragement (and a few instructions) certainly kept our athletes and families involved in the festivities.

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From the Principal

Celebrating the achievements of our students and staff is a critical component of creating a school that seeks to engage and challenge every single student. In the last three weeks I and others have been a part of a number of such events including the following.

- Academic awards parade (A celebration of excellence in learning)
- Band and string ensemble performing in Queen St Mall to a big crowd as part of the Brisbane Bands Festival (celebrating creativity and effort).
- Sports parade for Years 4-6 (Celebrating cooperation, teamwork and physical activity)
- 3R and 3SB winning a regional science competition (Celebrating connection of science to the real world)
- District Track and Field events (Celebrating athletic excellence)
- NAIDOC parade (celebrating our commitment to diversity and the traditional owners of this land).
- White Ribbon School training (Respect. Stand up, Speak Out and put a stop to men’s violence against women).
- Presentation to Education Queensland and university researchers on our work in creating age appropriate Prep and Year 1 classrooms (celebrating the professionalism of our staff and the engagement of our students).
- Presented to our wonderful STUDENT Council suggesting that as a school we partner with Act for Kids, a charity that helps children in Queensland and Australia suffering from neglect. (Care and compassion for others)
- Handed over $3000 plus to Michael Jeh to support the community of Humani. One of our main priorities for this funding is to provide every single Humani family with a “survival pack”. It will include staples such as maize, flour, corn, sugar, salt, soap etc. Hopefully this will tide them over till the summer rains arrive, hopefully by December. With over 300 families this is a massive logistical exercise that involves purchasing the products in bulk, transporting it from Harare to Humani (6 hours by road) and then distributing it equitably. (Care and Compassion)
- Purchased 20 ipads for teachers to support the provision of technology across our school and in preparation for a possible expansion of our iPad classes in 2017, depending on parent demand (Celebrating the connectedness of learning to the real world).

Not a bad effort for three weeks work at Ferny Grove State School. Don’t forget to complete the Parent Opinion Survey if you get a chance.

Brett Shackleton, Principal

Early years news

OREO
She is a winner in our eyes!! Today together with Mrs Cash and some 2CC students we took Oreo to her presentation day with 9 other cows. She was a true standout cow and the only cow to be decoupaged. Sadly we didn’t come away with the blue ribbon, but she is definitely our winner. Oreo is now back at school to live out her days peacefully away from the spotlight. The process of finding her forever spot in our school can now take place. Make sure you tell her how beautiful she is next time you see her.

Jacki Schott, Deputy Principal

jscho62@eq.edu.au
**Middle years news**

What a wonderful couple of weeks we have had acknowledging our sporting and academic achievers on parade! Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend these recent events. Celebrating student achievement is very important within our school community and is not limited to awards. We also love to hear about students who have gone above and beyond to support events and to acknowledge this effort.

One of our teachers recently told me a story about two of our Year 6 students who participated in ‘Get Up, Get out and Help’ at George Willmore Park; a fundraiser for a local little girl with cerebral palsy. Lily-Rose Read-Marczak and Camryn Jones generously volunteered their time when a call was put out at the last minute on Facebook for volunteers to face paint. These girls gave up two hours of their time for a good cause that they didn’t necessarily have any connection to. Without them the face painting would have been cancelled resulting in many disappointed children and less money raised for the event. Well done girls for showing such responsibility and care and compassion for our community!

Our school calendar is very full this term. The next couple of weeks will include district track and field, Year 4 Nudgee Beach Environmental Centre excursions, free dress PJ day, Student of the Month Parade, Talent Quest nominations and commencement of interschool summer sport. Sounds like a lot of fun!

**Sexual Health lessons**

Next term all our Year 5 and 6 students will participate in a sexual health and cyber safety program. Michelle Mitchell from Youth Excel will present a parent information session for all parents on Tuesday 16th August at 6:30pm in the library. Youth Excel’s parent night provides parents the opportunity to discuss and ask questions about the Youth Excel curriculum and gain some insights into how to talk to your child about sex.

Come along and hear about:

- The importance of Sexual Health and Cyber Safety education in Primary Schools
- National Sexual Health statistics and research
- An overview of Youth Excel’s Year 5 and 6 Curriculum (including powerpoint slides and DVD used in the program)
- How to Talk to Your Child about Sex
- Links to Cyber Safety material

All parents are welcome to attend. Please indicate your attendance to Katie Stubbings, so we can decide if we need a larger venue.

More information about Michelle and Youth Excel can be found here.

-Katie Stubbings, Deputy Principal
kstub5@eq.edu.au

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**Date Claimers**

- **July 30**
  - Trivia Night
- **August 1**
  - Prep Interviews Commence
- **August 4**
  - Free Dress Day - PJs

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**Debating news**

Last term we went to the Queensland Debating Union Training Day. We had two sessions of training by an official adjudicator and debater. We learnt about how to structure a debate, posture and the perfect timing for a speech. We thought it was worthwhile because we can use the information for future debates. Thank you to our parents who gave up their time to take us to the Training Day. We are looking forward to our first debate.

Lexi Horton and Aynsley Netto
General news

Expressive Arts – Talent Quest
The Annual FGSS Talent Quest is one of the many exciting events we have to look forward to in Expressive Arts Week during week 9 of this term. Students wishing to take part in the Talent Quest heats should be rehearsing by now and showing off their skills to their teachers to get their nomination forms signed. Nomination forms are due to Mrs Smith or Miss Mould by next Tuesday 2 August and can be found on the library front counter. If you can sing, dance, act, tell jokes, do magic tricks or have some other amazing talent – this is the competition for you, so get practising!

School Opinion Survey
School Opinion Survey: If you have already completed your Parent/Caregiver Survey, thank you. If not already completed, the online surveys will remain open until 29 July 2016. This is your opportunity to have a say about what our school does well and how we can improve.

If you haven’t received any survey access details yet, please contact Katie Stubbings on telephone 3550 5333 or email kstub5@eq.edu.au.

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
Cedar Woods Properties Limited will be providing us with updates for the road works on Upper Kedron Road, including road widening and intersection (including traffic light) upgrades. 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. We will post information on the website as it becomes available. It can be found under the Support and Resources Tab in Documents/General. This weeks updates are here and here.

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.
Sports news

Junior Sports Carnival

The day is only successful due to the efforts of many and our thanks go out to all involved – Teachers, Parents, students, and the helpers in the canteen and coffee cart. In particular a huge thank you must go to our House Captains, Senior Leaders, School Captains and Peer Mediators for their unwavering assistance on the day.

Well done and thanks to all for your part in ensuring the success of yet another Sports event at Ferny Grove. Please enjoy some of the photos taken on the day. The whole album is available on Facebook

Gary Kirby, PE Specialist
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.

Year 2 news

Year 2 Go to the Lego Centre by 2OV
At the end of second term, Year 2 went to the Lego Centre. We travelled by bus to Southbank where the Lego centre is located.
At the centre we worked in teams to build a car, an egg beater and a fan. Then we built a bridge for a troll to live under.
At the end of the day we travelled back to school and went home.

Congratulations to Karen Wilson, who was the lucky winner of our $100 Gift Voucher for completing the Helping Hands survey at the end of last year.

Wobbly Worms 5 Week Program
Every Wednesday for 5 weeks from 17/8/2016 at 3.30 - 4.45pm for Prep to Year 6
For more information or to book this exciting 5 week program please contact:
Ferny Grove Helping Hands on 0467 677 763 or email fernygrove@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au
Booking forms are also available from the school office and Helping Hands service
Lost late last term a pair of pink and purple glasses in a blue zip case.

TRIVIA NIGHT

THEME YOUR TABLE

FERNY GROVE STATE SCHOOL HALL

SATURDAY 30TH JULY

AWESOME PRIZES
DRINKS FOR SALE
6PM
TABLES OF 6-10
$12 PER HEAD

PURCHASE TICKETS VIA FLEXISCHOOLS

MORE INFO: CONTACT
PETA 0416062250

☑ Great kids & families ☑ Great staff ☑ Great learning opportunities
**Instrumental Music & Performing Arts**

We have had quite a busy term already, what a fantastic way to begin with an awesome performance in the Mall and Junior Band marching on Junior Sports day!

Stage Band is a new addition this term to offer an extension to some of the Senior Students in Alto Sax, Trumpet, Low Brass and percussion, thanks to IMPS for our newest acquisition of a drum kit.

Sectional Rehearsal timetables are out. So please check for your child’s time.

Don’t forget, Intermediate camp is 9th and 11th August for Year 5 Concert Band children and Expressive Arts Showcase is 8th September, so let’s get playing!

*Rhonda Haringcaspel, Instrumental Music Specialist*

**Strings**

Mrs Seneviratne will return in week 4 - check your email and the Instrumental Music Facebook page for updates.

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**Library news**

Our P&C Coffee Cart is very popular especially on those cold winter mornings, it also helps to raise funds for our school. We have recently purchased lots of fabulous new books with funds from our Beans for Books program, which is money raised from the P&C coffee cart. We are looking for some parents with some spare time at drop off and pick up to help us cover some of these books so if that’s you please drop into the library. We would really appreciate your help.

**Book Week**

20-26 August will be Book Week. During this week we will have some really exciting activities planned with special activities first break 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*

**Craft**

Don’t forget every Tuesday and Wednesday first break we have craft activities for all students. This week our students have been making some very cool ninjas, robots, and clowns. With the Olympics just around the corner we will be doing some Olympic themed craft over the next couple of weeks.

*Leane Dunn, Library Coordinator*

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**PRIZE LIGHTS HAVE APPEARED IN THE OUTBACK SKY.**

Join the Dollarmites for a chance to win spectacular prizes.
Festival news

Only 10 weeks to Festival (Saturday October 8) and we need your help!

Still looking for the following:

**BBQ Convenor** - not too much preparation leading up to Festival—just need someone (or a team) who can manage on the day.

**Sideshow Alley** - again need someone who can do just a bit of organising leading up to Festival and then pull together a team to run on the day.

**Year 6 stall** - we have had no volunteer for this year level. (Could do either BBQ or Sideshow Alley!?)

**Silent Auction** - have a team already to work on this but need at least one more person to help chase donations and set up Auction night before or on Festival day - actual auction runs on eBay.

Please email Vanessa ASAP at vbair4@eq.edu.au if you can help with any of these things!

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? Donation Stations will be coming up so keep an eye out for more details.

1. **Plant Stall** - Anyone interested in helping with the Plant Stall for Festival, Juanita will be at the greenhouse (in the Kitchen Garden) after drop off on Monday 1st August. They will also be gardening afterwards.

2. **Sponsorships and donations** - Do you own a business? Does anyone you know own a business? Do you work for a business that is community minded? Please let us know if you think they could sponsor us for Festival or donate something for our Silent Auction.

3. **Cake Stall & Sweet Stall** - we will be seeking pledges for our Cake and Sweet stalls and also donations of ingredients such as flour and sugar!

**PLEASE HELP IN AS MANY WAYS AS YOU CAN! WE LOVE YOU TO HELP WITH RUNNING THE STALL AND ORGANISING FOR YOUR PARTICULAR YEAR LEVEL, BUT YOU CAN DONATE TO ANY OF THE STALLS THAT WE ARE RUNNING - IT REALLY IS A TEAM EFFORT AND ALL FOR THE GOOD OF OUR KIDS!**

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**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.

**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*

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**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*
Defence news

**Catch Up club News**

Welcome back to Term 3! The Catch up club is a program available to all Defence students and their friends. It provides a unique place for all Defence students to feel special and welcome. It also provides an opportunity for our new Defence students to meet other Defence students and form friendships beyond the classroom. Children can participate in a range of craft activities, games, Lego construction, outdoor games and more. Students also have the opportunity to create special gifts or cards for a parent on deployment and to talk to us about any concerns and issues they might be experiencing. Sometimes being in the company of other students experiencing deployment makes their feelings easier to deal with. Most of all, Catch Up club is a place for fun, laughter and belonging. We hope to see as many of our Defence students and their friends on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at first break.

For the past two weeks Defence students and their friends have been enjoying creating with Lego, making cards, playing board games and making straw planes. This week we will also be making straw rockets! We hope to see you at the Catch up club.

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

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3/4E news

A section of the school grounds was cordoned off today which got the attention of many students in the morning wondering what was going on. Mrs Stubbings put it down to a sink hole!

It was in fact an experiment that 3/4E were conducting to ‘chase shadows’ throughout the day. Lots of learning was happening about the rotation of the planet and the effect that the sun has on shadows. The children were amazed to see the shadows move right before their eyes just over a few minutes!
Important Dates - August
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
Size 8 and 10 polo shirts are back in stock!
Cheryl 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
We still have spaces to fill in our roster so if you would like to learn a new skill, we would love to have you as part of our team. Contact Yvette on 0409 317 553.

Tuckshop
I would like extend my appreciation to all Tuckshop Volunteers. Did you know that 1 volunteer who works 4 hours per fortnight = 80 hours per year @ $21.61 (Australian minimum wage) that’s a grand total of $1729 per year, wow not many people can say they have made such a sizeable donation to their child’s school.

So come on board and sign up, meet new friends, share ideas and have fun at the tuckshop. Please follow the link:
https://www.volunteersignup.org/8ELU or simply visit us. Unable to commit once a month? Here are some dates that needs to be filled for Term 3.
August 3, 4, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26, 31 (9am – 12 noon)
September 1, 8, 9, 15 & 16 (9am – 12 noon)

Friendly reminder that all orders must be placed via Flexischools before 9am. If you are needing any assistance I am able to help anytime, alternatively you may call 1300 361 769.

Icy poles treats are still available for sale at the counter at second break!

Liz Mu, Senior Managing Tuckshop Convenor
3550 5361
tuckshop@fernygroves.eq.edu.au

Community news

North Brisbane Basketball
Pre B.L.A.S.T Skills Sessions
Never tried Basketball before?, Want to have a go? Then this is for you!!!

The skill sessions will be for beginners aged 6 – 12
Coaches will be Current Dragons and Brisbane Capitals QBL Players:
Ashton Eaton and Jacob Davis
To register or for more information please contact:
Committee@northbrisbanebasketball.com.au

Details:
Starts: 30th July 2016
Day: Saturdays
Costs: $20 one off PCYC Membership
$15 per session
Times: Session 1 – 11am – 12pm
Session 2 – 12pm – 1pm
Venue: Hills District PCYC
153a Olearia St West, Arana Hills

✔️ Great kids & families ✔️ Great staff ✔️ Great learning opportunities
**Community news**

**Play Water Polo with Polo Bears**

**COME & TRY** WATER POLO CLINIC
AUSTRALIA’S RAPIDLY GROWING OLYMPIC SPORT WANTS YOU!!!

**WHERE:** SUNDAYS FROM 2.30PM TO 4.00PM
**FROM:** 16TH AUGUST 2016 FOR 5 WEEKS

**WHERE:** ALBANY CREEK LEISURE CENTRE EXPLORER DRIVE ALBANY CREEK

**WHO:** Boys & Girls born 2002 & younger who are strong swimmers
New and returning Players Welcome

$70 per player - must be paid before commencement of competition
(Sorry - no refunds for unattended weeks)

**Price includes Pool Entry for players and spectators**

Albany Creek Leisure Centre Pool is heated during winter
To register check out our website

For more information visit www.polobeans.com.au
For further enquiries email u12@polobeans.com.au

**Spring Season**
10 week competition
August to November 2016

**Sign On Days – 17th & 24th August**

**Register Now!**

**AFL Auskick**

Access All Abilities Community NAB AFL Auskick Program
First session: Friday 5th August 5.00 - 5.45pm (First session is a Come & Try!)
Venue: Wests Juniors AFC - Oakman Park, Union Street Toowong
Cost: ONLY $25 (each participant also receives their very own football)
This AAA program is designed for children aged 5-12 who have Special Needs.
Call 3865 8700 or email blaen on blaeacb@ymail.com.au for more information!

AFLAusKick.com.au

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