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**Finvoy Street**  
**Ferny Grove QLD 4055**  
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**fernygrovess.eq.edu.au**  
**Student Absence**

**Term 4 Bulk Bill** is available [here](#).

**Year 5 Raw Art**  
10 November $9  
**Due 3 November**

**Year 2 Nudgee Beach EEC**  
3 November $18  
**Due 17 November**

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.

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**Remembering Daniel**

In what has become a much cherished Ferny Grove tradition our students walked to Ferny Grove SHS last Friday - a sea of red in support of the Daniel Morcombe Foundation and their message of safety for young people. Embraced by both our school communities, it highlights our Ferny Grove State School values of Respect, and Care & Compassion, reminding us all to be vigilant and to empower our students to Recognise, React & Report anything that challenges their safety. We raised $719.10 for the Daniel Morcombe Foundation.
On parade

A wonderful Student of the Month Parade this week with a worthy group of recipients who model our school values for their peers. Congratulations to:
Jacob H - Prep G
Harrison C - 1NJ
Ava B - 2CC
Aidan D - 3V
Rachel H - 4H
Ryley D - 5B
Payten N - 6D
Skye K - Deputy Principal’s Award
Our Percussion ensemble also performed for the entertainment of all in attendance.

Middle years news

Last Wednesday I attended the Ferny Grove State High School Senior Awards Night.

Their group of Year 12’s were my first group of Junior Secondary students and it was wonderful to see them achieve so highly. Past Ferny Grove State School captain, Rachel Sansome (current FGHS vice-captain seen here with her sister Ferny Grove SS Vice Captain Chiara) was awarded the prestigious Caltex Best All Rounder medal and many of our past students, now in Year 10-12, received prizes across academic, cultural, sporting and citizenship fields.

Two other past students Sanjay Razik and Claire Ewer were appointed 2017 School Captain and Student Council President respectively; a brilliant accomplishment. Leadership qualities develop at different rates in people and some students are ready to tackle to challenge earlier than others.

From now until the end of term, the Year 6 leaders start to wind down their responsibilities and our Year 5 students commence the leadership process. By the end of this week, Year 5 students with leadership aspirations will bring home a yellow form which they need to have filled in and signed by the responsible adult for the activity nominated. It’s very important that the students undertake this process themselves to develop their own communication skills. Please speak with your student about what it means to be a school leader; not just in terms of their capacity but also their commitment to the yearlong role. Please don’t hesitate to contact your student’s class teacher or me should you have any queries.

Information regarding end of year celebrations for our Year 6 students will come home soon. These events are a reward for students not a given. Any student in breach of our Responsible Behaviour Plan may not be able to attend these events. Decisions will be made on a case by case basis, however it is our greatest wish that all our students complete their primary schooling having made wonderful memories with their peers.

Katie Stubbings, Deputy Principal
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Early years news

**Parent Information for Class Placement of students for 2017**

Effective schools are characterised by a productive partnership between parents and staff. We spend a great deal of time at the end of each year allocating children to classes for the following year and to create a supportive teaching and learning environment for all students. If there is some specific information that you wish to share with us that will assist us in this decision making process, please collect the ‘Parent Information for class placement’ form from our office or download it [here](#). You may wish to indicate special information and specific teaching approaches that you feel best suit your child. It should not be presumed that all information from previous years or a conversation during the year will be remembered. Please do not ask for specific teachers as there is no guarantee that they will be teaching the same year level next year. Every consideration will be given to the information you provide but no guarantee can be given. Your child will be allocated to a class based on a triangulation of information from parents, teachers and administrators. This form will need to be returned to the office no later than Friday the 11th of November.

*Jacki Schott, Deputy Principal*

jscho62@eq.edu.au

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**General news**

**Student Council news**

In conjunction with our Remembrance Day Service next Friday, November 11 at 10am in the hall, the Student Council will be selling poppies for students to wear. They will cost $1 and will be available for sale each morning next week (Monday –Friday) in the Tuckshop area. Our Free Dress Day is being held on Thursday 17 November. Students are asked to bring a gold coin to participate and it will be a general fundraiser for our Student Council which supports projects around our school.

**Active School Travel Award**

Congratulations to all of our Footloose Friday participants for 2016. At the recent Active School Travel Awards, hosted by Lord Mayor Graham Quirk at City Hall, Ferny Grove State School was awarded a special Highly Commended award in the New School of the Year category. We just missed out on winning, but were commended for our high level of overall improvement of percentage of Active Travellers, as well as our enthusiastic participation in bike and scooter session that were offered.
Remembrance Day
Ferny Grove State School will be hosting a Remembrance Day service on Friday November 11 at 10am in the hall. All are invited to attend. Our Defence parents are also asked to join us afterwards for Morning Tea at 11am in the Memorial Garden, near the administration building.

Defence Families

Join us for a chat and a complimentary cup of freshly brewed espresso coffee from the Coffee Cart to farewell the defence families leaving FGSS in 2016.

When:  Wednesday 23rd November
Time:  8:15am to 9am
Where:  Near the FGSS Coffee Cart.

DEFENCE STUDENTS
End of Year celebration
ICE BLOCKS & GAMES

WEDNESDAY 23rd NOVEMBER
FIRST BREAK

You are invited to a Defence Students’ Ice-block & Games end of year celebration at first break in the school hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

Jessica De la Jara & Liz Heddershaw
Defence School Transition Aides
**Sports news**

**2016 Swimming Carnival**

This year’s *Swimming Carnival for Years 3 to 6* will be held on Tuesday 29th November at the Ferny Hills Pool complex starting at approximately 9am.

The same format as last year will apply which will allow us to complete the Carnival in one day rather than the two of previous years. The Carnival is scheduled to be completed by approximately 2pm.

To allow for the event to be successfully completed in the one day no ribbons or medallions will be presented on the day of the carnival.

However, in order to properly recognise placegetters and Age Champions a special Awards Parade will be held in the school hall on a date to be confirmed ## probably from 9.00 am on Wednesday, November 30th, to which all parents and families will be invited.

Further details concerning the event eg times for each age, will be provided in the next newsletter. ## If you have any questions regarding the event please contact me at the school or via email gkirb3@eq.edu.au

*Gary Kirby, PE Teacher*

**State Gymnastics**

Tahlya G in 4GT, participates in Club Gymnastics and has recently competed in the State Championships. Congratulations to Tahlya on her achievements. As well as a trophy for State Championships, Tahlya was awarded the "Senior Club Spirit" award given to her for her dedication, hard work, and her helpful nature towards her team mates and her club.

**Chaplaincy news**

**Chappy Breakfast**

Coming up on Tuesday 15 November - please join us for Chappy Breakfast including pancakes and juice. Available from 7.30am under L block!

**Operation Christmas Child**

Thank you so much to all those who have begun bringing all the Shoe Boxes back in for Operation Christmas Child. There is still time up until next Friday 11 November for them to be finished by. We will be sending them off in the boxed cartons to the warehouse on Monday November 14. I have been so encouraged by the enthusiasm for this project and delighted that it is gaining momentum especially in the upper grades. Many of them have come in and shown me what they have selected so its been a great talking point. For those of you who have spare photos, it is an excellent idea to pop a photo in so the children at the other end know who gave them the gift. Thank you for returning the boxes with the postage money so that this helps with the cost of transporting them. It is one of the largest children's projects in the world so I’m proud of all the effort going in to make it special. Isn’t it great to be sending a message to a child that may have extreme circumstances happening in their lives - YOU MATTER. I can’t think of a better way to prepare ourselves for the season ahead.

*Chappy Alexia*

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**Ferry Grove State School Parents & Citizens Association**

PO Box 220, Ferny Hills Qld 4055
Tel: (07) 3351 4523

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**Air Conditioning Project**

**Cadbury Fundraiser**

It’s as easy as 1, 2, 3

1. Purchase a box of chocolates from www.flexischools.com.au (print your proof of purchase)
2. Collect from the school office (during business hours)
3. Sell

How does it work? You pay upfront for the box of chocolates - $50. The box contains 50 chocolates which you sell for $1 each. When you have sold all chocolates you will have your $50 back.

For more info contact Peta
peta.kimball@gmail.com

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

The last couple of weeks have been jam packed with instrumental music performances and testing. Our Senior Band, Senior Strings and Junior Band have achieved amazing results in Music Fest: platinum, gold and gold respectively. In fact they each received the highest accolade in their category.

Our teachers, Rhonda Haringcaspel and Nicola Seneviratne have not only been working tirelessly with our current students but also testing our Year 2 and 3 students for 2017. Students have now been offered places and the Cluster Instrumental Music Information Evening will be held this **Thursday 3rd November at Grovely State School Performing Arts Hall at 5:30pm**. It’s integral that all beginners parents attend. The second night for beginning students will be at **Ferny Grove State School library Tuesday 15th November at 6:30pm** following our **IMPs meeting at 6pm**. If you are a beginning parent and would like to know more about the support group, please come along at 6pm.

As our beginners are brought into the program, our Year 6’s will move on. Many are preparing for their high school auditions. The Ferny Grove State High School auditions will occur on **Thursday 17th November**; the timetable can be found **here**. Junior Band will now combine with Senior Band on Monday mornings. So that means no more Wednesday morning rehearsals. Junior Brass and Saxophones will have to bring instruments twice a week. All band lesson, sectional and rehearsal times can be found **here**. Strings have no sectionals this term, but year 3 strings will join with the 4-6 students at String Ensemble for the next three Thursday mornings (beginning tomorrow!)

Once again, thank you so much to FAST and IMPS who volunteer time and food when we have our competitions. Without your support we wouldn’t be able to have our great school as one of the venues.

**Upcoming events:**

- **Thursday 3rd November**: Cluster Instrumental Music Information, Grovely State School Performing Arts Hall at 5:30pm
- **Tuesday 15th November**: IMPs meeting, library at 6pm
- **Tuesday 15th November**: Beginners 2017 parent meeting library at 6:30pm
- **Thursday 17th November**: Yr 6 Ferny Grove SHS auditions

*Katie Stubbings, Deputy Principal*

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**Library news**

Book Fair begins this Monday 7 November until Friday 11 November, open from 8am-8.50am and 2.50pm-3.30pm. Money raised will go towards purchasing some new books requested by students and some new games for students to play with at break time at the library. Credit card facilities available. Payment forms also available to send to schools with students if you can’t make it in.

Looking for a book to read? Then go to the F.G.S.S book fair!

**From the 7 to the 11 November 8:00 to 8:50 2:50 to 3:30**
The Robber Baron and the Baker Thief

We are only 3 weeks away from opening night for SPAG BOL’s upcoming production ‘The Robber Baron and the Baker Thief’! This show is our best one yet, with a witty, hilarious, fairy tale-themed script, dance numbers and 10 singing numbers – backed up by a SPAG BOL first... ALL LIVE MUSIC! A fantastic and inexpensive night’s entertainment for the whole family!

Performance dates are Thursday 24 and Friday 25 November in our school Hall from 6pm. Tickets are $5 each and available on Flexischools from Monday 14 November, or at the door (if there are any left – limited to 500 seats each night).

SPAG BOL news

Have you downloaded the QSchools App? Once you have it, you can add Ferny Grove State School as a favourite. This is an easy way to access the latest information from our webpage, including the latest newsletter. It also allows you to add events in the school calendar to your personal calendar without having to type in the information.

It is also a quick way to access our Facebook page, our Uniform and Tuckshop pages and also look for any forms hosted on our website.
**Important Dates - November**
14 November FAST Meeting - 7pm Library
15 November IMPS Meeting - 7pm Library
16 November P & C Meeting - 7pm Library

**Tuckshop**
Education Queensland is celebrating Tuckshop Day this Friday, 4th November. We are hoping we might have a visit from some special guest/s to join us to prepare/pack foods. Let’s give a big thanks to all our tuckshop volunteers who are committed and hardworking. They are:

Amy Martin
Simone Howes
Liz Rich
Uli Esser
Jane Watkinson
Beatrice Smith
Litia Ford
Katrina Collins
Cherrie Mc Millen
Katie Newham
Jodee Harris
Brodie Laird
Mark Thorne.. (the only dad at the tuckshop)

Andrea Netto
Jodie Bates
Bianca Wyllie
Kim Seamons-Houley
Tania Paterson
Jane Stubbs
Vivien Eddy
Tracy Payne
Steph Donoghie
Madonna Morton
Tania Hyde
Nic Crouch

Tuckshop Day recognises the great work of thousands of people across the state each and every school day. It also highlights the important role tuckshops play in school life. Providing nutritious food and drinks means families can have one less task to worry about at the start of their day and helps students to concentrate and learn well in class.

Tuckshop has been producing nutritious and delicious foods for students and staff. We are very proud to announced that our tuckshop is one of the grand finalists in the upcoming (QAST) Queensland Association School Tuckshop Awards Night. So thank you for your support.

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

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**Stationery & Uniform Store**

2017 BOOKLISTS will be sent home next Wednesday, 9 November. They will also be available on the school website and Flexischools. Prices effective immediately.

**IF YOU STUDENT HAS APPLIED FOR A PLACE IN AN iPAD CLASS - DO NOT** place your order until you have confirmation of which class they will be in.

2017 BACK TO SCHOOL for the Stationery and Uniform Stores has ARRIVED. In the lead up to the end of the school year and the distribution of the 2017 booklists, the stores are very busy preparing for your orders, ensuring stock (both uniforms and stationery) is available, prepacking orders to cut down on waiting times, and assisting with sizing up students.

To do this WE NEED YOUR HELP! We need help RIGHT NOW and through to the start of school in January. Check out the days/times that we need assistance on the online volunteer register - [https://www.volunteersignup.org/JHBWW](https://www.volunteersignup.org/JHBWW) and consider signing up. Even if you can only help out for an hour or so, every little bit helps.

**2ND HAND UNIFORMS** – If you intend selling your 2nd hand uniforms at the store – we ONLY ACCEPT items in GOOD CONDITION that have been washed thoroughly. All unsuitable items are discarded. If possible please deposit these items, individually listed on the appropriate form (available from the Uniform store or [here](https://www.volunteersignup.org/JHBWW)) in the white tub in the uniform store as soon as possible, preferably before mid November, as otherwise due to the busy Back to School period, we cannot guarantee that they will be processed this year.

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Stationery & Uniform Store
Place lunch orders from your iPhone or iPad! Find us in the App Store.