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## Remembrance Day resonates

At the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, we will remember them.

Another heartfelt and moving Remembrance Day service was held at Ferny Grove State School last Friday. Mr Kurth’s Year 6 students paid tribute to the fallen and those who serve, supported by our choir, our Defence students and a community who never forgets why this is so important for us.

**Finvoy Street Ferny Grove QLD 4055 (07) 3550 5333 fernygrovess.eq.edu.au Student Absence**

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

Prep Timbarra Xmas Show 6 December $7 Due 24 November

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

Year 4 Raw Art 30 November $8 Due 24 November

Year 5 Event Cinema 8 December $19 Due 24 November

Year 6 Cineplex Southbank 8 December $15 Due 24 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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Early years news

2017 Year 1 students
As you know we are introducing a part resource scheme/part booklist for Year One for next year. A yellow form along with a letter explaining this came home this week. Please fill out the yellow form and hand it back to your child’s prep teacher by this Friday. It is $50 and payments can be made from the 22nd of November. Please note that this is also for children who are in the iPad class and covers ALL consumables for the year. Yay no more labelling 27 pencils….well for another year anyway!

P-3 Carols
One of my favourite events for the year. Our p-3 carols will be held on Monday the 5th of December (week 10) in our school hall from 6:30. The night is filled with a BBQ, amazingly gorgeous performances from each class and even a visit from Santa himself. We are asking for volunteers on the night to help with the running of the BBQ. I am asking for some years 4-6 parents to help so that the P-3 parents can simply enjoy the night, however if you are a P-3 parent and are happy to help I will have reserved seating for you at the very front so that you don’t miss the performances. Below is the link for the sign up register.
https://www.volunteersignup.org/KBX9F

Jacki Schott, Deputy Principal

Chaplaincy news

WELL DONE FERNY GROVE!! My heartfelt thanks to all of you for the successful outcome of Operation Christmas Child Project. Approximately 165 boxes, over $700 in money towards postage and all going to worthy children in Solomon Islands, New Guinea or South East Asia. The boxes are now at the warehouse and being processed for the journey. It was really exciting to engage with so many children, adults and teachers with this project. I witnessed so many acts of kindness and it really blessed me to see all the effort that went into making it happen. The Student Council promoted it, the teachers ran with the idea and we all did it.

Chaplaincy has had some great programmes happening and one of them has been Drumbeat with a group of year 5/6 boys. They will perform on parade before the end of the year. This week we are celebrating with all the Chicken Chiefs for their efforts this year. There have been friendship groups happening and learning how to negotiate difficult life lessons.

Quote - Failure does not shape you; the way you respond to failure shapes you.

We all deal with difficult issues in our lives and for each of us it’s something different. Make sure that if you are going through difficult times that you ask for help and talk to someone who can be a good friend.

Blessings, Chappy Alexia

From the Principal

So much to do, so little time to do it. That is how we are approaching the final 3 weeks of school. Term 4 seems to sneak away very quickly. Having said that, the range of celebrations to occur over these last few weeks is amazing. Buckle up and enjoy the ride.

- SPAG BOL performances
- Swimming carnival.
- Year 6 Graduation and disco.
- Chaplaincy evening.
- Free Dress Day.
- P and C Meeting
- P-3 Carols.
- Report Cards
- 2017 School Captain elections.
- Class allocations for 2017

Enrolment growth continues to exceed expectations with an approximate figure of 840 students or more in 2017. There is no doubt that our enrolment management process will apply in 2017. No out of catchment enrolments will be accepted after day 8 of the 2017 school year to ensure class sizes don’t grow significantly throughout the year.

Brett Shackleton, Principal
SPAG BOL news

**The Robber Baron and the Baker Thief**

We are less than 2 weeks away from opening night for SPAG BOL’s final production for 2016, ‘The Robber Baron and the Baker Thief’! This show is our best one yet, with a witty, hilarious, fairy tale-themed script, dancing and 11 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 NOW on Flexischools, or at the door (if there are any left – limited to 500 seats each night). Don’t miss our performance sneak peek on parade, Monday 21/11!

**Auditions for SPAG BOL 2017**

Students currently in Years 3, 4 & 5 will have the opportunity to audition to be a part of SPAG BOL in 2017 in the coming weeks. Information & audition requests will be sent home with all Yr 3, 4 & 5 students shortly, with auditions hopefully being held in the final week of November.

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**Library news**

**Book Fair**

Thank you to everyone who supported our book fair last week. It was a huge success with many students walking out with new books and huge smiles. Money made from the book fair has enabled us to purchase some fabulous new books. We will also be purchasing some new board games for students to play at break time.

**Help Needed**

Our Tuesday and Wednesday 1st break craft is continuing with Christmas theme about to start next week. I am looking for some help to source a few items we need. Christmas material and ribbon, pine cones and metal ring pulls (from soft drink cans) and Styrofoam trays.

*Leane Dunn, Library coordinator*
Swimming Carnival – 2016

FGSS Inter-house swimming carnival will take the same successful format as last year, with the carnival being held on only 1 day for all students in Years 3-6. Traditionally, the carnival has offered a balance of participation and championship events across most strokes, with ribbons awarded to the fastest 3 swimmers in each event (M&F), age championship medals awarded to the highest points scoring swimmer (M&F) in each age group.

## This year only (9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 Yrs), will be eligible for Age Champion by participating in 50m championship events. This will bring swimming in to line with our Athletics and Cross Country events and also align more easily with the District selection process. 8 yr old students (in Yr 3) will be able to swim in participation races and still earn points for their House.

Trophies will be awarded to the House with the highest total points won for both participation and championship races. A timetable of events will be emailed prior to the carnival, so please note the different schedule.

Prior to the carnival students will be asked to nominate to swim championship races (50m for all age groups ie 9, 10, 11 & 12 years.). Championship races count towards the age championship, but the strokes need to be swum correctly and without stopping. Students can choose on the day whether to swim in participation races. Championship and participation races count towards the overall house trophy, so children are encouraged to swim in as many events as possible.

## Students in Year 2 who have or will turn 8 years old in 2016, will not be attending the carnival.

All swimmers swimming in championship races will be swimming 50 metres, therefore for a student to nominate for championship races they would need to be proficient in the stroke.

Further information will be provided prior to the Carnival either via email or on the School Facebook page.

If you have any questions please contact me, at school or via email gkirb3@eq.edu.au.

Gary Kirby, PE Teacher
Prep Art Show

Thank you to all the Preps and their families who came to support the Art Show on Friday night (11th November). The Preps and the Prep team worked very hard to produce some amazing pieces of art. Each child created individual pieces of art:

- Self-portrait
- Sculpture
- Famous artist
- Aboriginal art

Each class also produced a ‘whole class’ canvas which was then auctioned off to families. All of the classes produced amazing pieces of work. Prep N’s hoopla was auctioned for a record-breaking $500!!!!!!!
The children created the canvases by using pam poms dipped in paint to print the dots. The highlight of the evening was listening to each class perform a song on stage.
Remembrance Day
On Friday 11th November 2016 our school paused to commemorate Remembrance Day and to honour the commitment and sacrifice of Australian Defence Force Members past and present. We would like to thank Matt Kurth, special guests and all students involved in the moving and heartfelt Service. We would especially like to thank our amazing Defence students who showed exemplary behaviour, emotion and pride on the day.

Catch Up Club News
Catch Up Club has been buzzing with excitement as our Prep students are now able to join us during playtimes. The children have enjoyed a variety of activities and are invited to join us again in weeks 8 and 9 for Christmas craft. We will also be celebrating with an end of year party in the Catch up Club room on Wednesday 7th December, at first break.

Postings
We would like to remind parents to notify the school and the DSTAs if your child will be leaving Ferny Grove State School at the end of 2016 due to a relocation. We will do our best to support your child during their transition to a new school.

Jessica De la Jara & Liz Heddershaw
Defence School Transition Aides

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.
After 3 intense weeks of Engineering, students completed their Waterwheels and tested them. The initial design plans were modified after a construction technique failed and after trying again with new materials, the waterwheels worked perfectly. These creations may be the start of new hydroelectric projects or at least a great water feature in the backyard.

3/4E news

The Heavenly Swimming Pool

Splash! Welcome to the Ferny Hills Swimming Pool

I can see:
The crystal blue water, waving at me to jump in,
The reflection of the colossal blue sky, shimmering in the water.
I can see lots of children, in their soaked, saturated togs,
Shivering like leaves as the wind blows a cool breeze.

I can hear:
Children splashing and thrashing as they kick in the water
The coaches yelling out commands, “safety slide in!”
As I dive under the water there is the howling against my ears,
Then complete peace, followed by muffled voices from above.

I can feel:
The water’s icy hands gripping around me,
But then I feel safe as I thrive above the water.
I feel thrilled as it’s my turn to pin drop off the block.
I can feel the pool’s loneliness as we leave the crystal clear water.
Important Dates

No meetings for December or January

Tuckshop

Thanks for the wonderful appreciation from Admin staff and Teachers who gave us yummy cake to share with our volunteers on 4/11 Tuckshop Day.

We are also super proud to announce that we received Top 5 2016 Smart Choice Menu Award and Grand Finalist for Tuckshop of the Year from QAST (Queensland Association School Tuckshop). Our commitment to deliver nutritious and delicious food paid off. We thank all the people who supported us along the way especially our Tuckshop volunteers.

Join us in 2017 - sign up at https://www.volunteersignup.org/8ELLJ, become a valuable member of our team so we can continue to produce and deliver yummy food.

Please be aware that as we near the end of term, some of your favorite items may not be available. We will organize alternatives.

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

Stationery & Uniform Store

2017 BOOKLISTS have been sent home. They are also available on the school website and Flexischools. Please note: 2017 Year 5 students in the general classes (not the iPad classes) need to add 1 x 8GB USB Flash Drive to their carry over list.

IF YOUR 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.

EXTENDED HOURS DURING BACK TO SCHOOL - from now until the end of term the stores will also open Wednesday morning. Check out our BACK TO SCHOOL HOURS through to February here.

THANK YOU to those who have already signed up to help us during 2017 BACK TO SCHOOL. We are now very busy packing your orders and ensuring stock is available.

To do this WE NEED YOUR 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 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) 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.

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

Our current P & C focus is the project to air-condition the school. We are half way into our 4 year project. Most of the proceeds from our Festival, our businesses and our other fundraising goes to support this $250,000 investment in our school.
Uniform Information – YEAR 7, 2017

**Uniform Store & Second-Hand Uniform Store**
*Open: 7.30am – 11.00am Monday, Thursday*
*Open: 7.30am – 9.30am Tuesday*

Extended trading hours for November 2016, December 2016 and January 2017 are listed below. An updated price list will be sent out with the stationery order forms in early November 2016.

Please bring your student with you for outfitting so that our Specialised Uniform Fitters can make the right recommendations. If outfitting a new student please allow 20-30 minutes. All uniform items will need to be purchased when the student is outfitted. Until our extended hours commence you are most welcome to come and be fitted out during our regular opening hours as listed above.

To ensure your student is properly outfitted with everything they need for the year ahead it is recommended that you get organised in Term 4 when most of the uniform stock is readily available.

If you are concerned about your student’s garment size changing over the holidays, please note that we operate a full return policy. As long as the garment has not been worn, labelled or washed and still has the original store labels intact, we will exchange for a different size.

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Also stationery order forms for Year 7 have been sent home and can be ordered at [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au). Order your Stationery online by Monday 21 November, and go in the draw to win a $100 Coles/Myer Gift Card. Stationery packs can be collected then on Year 7 Orientation Day or other times as per the website.
Community news

**dōTERRA Make & Take Gift Event**
and
**Christmas Gift Stall**
Sunday, November 20th at 1pm
Ferry Grove State School Library

Make your own dōTERRA Essential Oil Christmas gifts...
...Roller blends, Spritzers and Pamper products...

Or

Shop at our unique Gift Stall for some unique and gorgeous Christmas gifts for friends, family and teachers.

No entry fees! - Cash only

All proceeds on the day going to the Ulhando House Centre for abused, trafficked and abandoned children in South Africa.

SAVE Project Inc. come
Supporting children and young adults
www.saveprojectinc.org

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**Grasshopper Soccer**
**Eskool Summer HOLIDAY CAMPS**
Have fun, play the Beautiful Game!
WEEK 1: DEC 13, 14, 15
WEEK 2: JAN 17, 18, 19
8.30 TO 11.30

**Grasshopper Soccer**
AT HILDER RD STATE SCHOOL - THE GAP

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**AGES 5 - 12**
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email: mauricio@grasshoppersoccer.com.au

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**PURE TENNIS ACADEMY**
**FERRY HILLS**

**SMASH & SPLASH SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMP**
(For more details on Camp itinerary go to ferryhills.puretennis.com.au)

- **Piraeus & Princes Monday**
  - 12th December
  - Best dressed
  - Make your own Wand/eye patch

- **Dr. Seuss Tuesday**
  - 13th December
  - Make your own hot cross buns

- **Safari Wednesday**
  - 14th December
  - Face painting
  - Animal Masks

- **Superhero Thursday**
  - 15th December
  - Cape making
  - Thor hammers

- **Pokemon Friday**
  - 16th December
  - Cars trading
  - Poke ball making

- **Don’t forget your**
  - Heat, water bottles, swimming caps, towel, sunscreen and lunch!

- **Minecraft Monday**
  - 19th December
  - Build a den & craft paper chocolate decorations

- **Under the Sea Tuesday**
  - 20th December
  - Stain glass fish
  - Octopus bottle decorating

- **Kris Kringle Wednesday**
  - 21st December
  - Roly poly Gingerbread houses

- **Crazy Minion Monday**
  - 3rd January
  - Design your own Minion marshmallow

- **Tarzan Tuesday**
  - 4th January
  - Snake art & craft
  - Cross the river

- **Lego Day Wednesday**
  - 5th January
  - Lego crazy trees
  - Duplo block painting

- **Angry Birds Thursday**
  - 6th January
  - Angry bird hats
  - Cake pops

- **Star Wars Friday**
  - 7th January
  - Sky walker Tennis ball

- **Pokémon Monday**
  - 10th January
  - Pokemon Matching Biscuits

- **Pokémon Tuesday**
  - 11th January
  - Pick up option (3-6pm)

- **Scavenger Hunt Tuesday**
  - 17th January
  - Keep a look out for what you might find

- **Wild West Wednesday**
  - 18th January
  - Wild West fun
  - Outlaws & outlaws & cowboys!!

- **Transformer Thursday**
  - 19th January
  - Design your own Transformer masks

- **Disney Friday**
  - 20th January
  - Micky mouse cookies

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**Drop off venue**
- Pure Tennis Ferry Hills - 144 Samford Rd, Ferry Hills

**Pick up venue**
- Ferry Hills Pool - Ferry Way, Ferry Hills

Phn: 3351 0444
Website: ferryhills.puretennis.com.au
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✔ Great kids & families ✔ Great staff ✔ Great learning opportunities

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