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### Music for beginners

The beginners in our Instrumental Music Program spent two days attending Beginner’s Music Camp just after school returned. Located at various schools within our cluster, the Year 3 strings and Year 4 Woodwind, Brass and Percussion students joined with students from other surrounding schools to embrace the joy of music, challenging their learning and exploring creativity and collaboration. For many of them it was their first chance to “have a go” with their new instruments, learning how to put them together and care for them. We have over 160 students at Ferny Grove State School in our instrumental music program, ably guided by the hardworking Mrs Rhonda Haringcaspel and Mrs Nicola.
From the Principal

This week’s headlines featured a research paper from the Grattan Institute claiming that up to 40% of students are disengaged from learning at school. This is indeed a frightening statistic for those of us who work in education. It is exactly the reason why we have identified student engagement as one of our five most important principles. There are many practical ways that we have enacted change to improve student engagement including the following.

- Changed our approach to teaching the Australian curriculum in Prep. Using a research backed approach called Age Appropriate Pedagogies we have aligned our work with what we know early learners need. This is exactly why our prep students (and teachers) love Prep.
- Committed to The Arts as a source of engagement. SPAG BOL (performing arts), instrumental music, Expressive Arts week are all examples of using The Arts to motivate, challenge and enthuse young learners.
- Our kitchen garden and chickens engage some students who feel a connection to the earth and just need to digging, watering, looking after living things.
- Our Bright Sparks entrepreneurial program extends students who have a creative idea they think might solve a real world problem and provides them with mentoring, skilling and funding if needed to turn the idea into reality.
- Sport and physical activity is a huge motivator for some students so we have ensured we are committed to full inclusion in our district interschool sport program.
- Technology motivates a lot of young learners, however we have decided to use technology to create rather than consume knowledge. The jobs our children will move into will rely upon creativity, collaboration and perseverance. Technology is a tool but it needs skilled teachers with quality infrastructure, good support and time to make it work.
- The physical environment motivates us. That is why our P and C has been progressively air conditioning the school and why we have transformed our gardens, our classrooms, our eating areas, our carparks, our play areas and our hall over the last five years. If your workspace feels comfortable then learning will happen.

These and so many more strategies have been employed to increase student engagement. Not one of them is possible without highly skilled and motivated staff and I thank them all for the work they do and the opportunities they provide our children every day.

What a great and busy start to the new year. We have had many new families join our service and many returning families. We welcome you all to Helping Hands Ferny Grove Outside School Hours Care. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask. Looking forward to a great year at OSHC!

Our new school leaders on our first parade for 2017. All student leaders will be inducted at our Whole School Assembly, Monday 13 February.
Date Claimers

13 February
Student Leader’s Induction
3 March
Interschool Sport begins
9 March
School Disco

Middle years news

Week 3 already and we’re right into the busyness of everything a large school has to offer! To all our new students and families, I hope you’ve all settled into your new school lives well. If you are ever unsure of who to speak to, your student’s class teacher is always a good place to start.

By now you will have had a chance to meet your student’s teacher at the information session this week, and received key information about year level expectations and the year ahead. Individual parent/teacher conferences will occur later this term. You will be advised how to book a meeting with individual teachers online in the coming weeks.

Congratulations to our Year 6 Peer Mediators who completed their training on Monday. They will receive their badge and hat during the School Leaders’ Induction parade on Monday 13th February. The school community are welcome to attend this ceremony and families of school leaders are invited to the library deck afterwards for refreshments.

Students in Years 5 and 6 are currently trialling for interschool sport. As communicated in the last newsletter, we would like all students to participate. If your student is unable to participate in interschool sport, could you please contact me.

Year 6 camp is week 10 this term. Could you please advise as soon as possible if your child will not be attending as we need to ensure accuracy of our numbers for the facility and transport.

As always, please don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any queries. Have a great week!

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

Early years news

Morning Routine

It really is hard to believe we are in week three already. The students have settled in very well to the school routine and are happy and excited to be at school. Just a reminder, especially for our Prep parents that you are very welcome in the classrooms at the start of the day to read a story or complete a puzzle, however when it becomes evident that the teacher is ready to start please give your child a quick kiss and cuddle and exit promptly. This really helps with getting straight into the learning for the day and if you linger and hang around it makes it difficult for your child to focus. Your support with this will be appreciated.

Jacki Schott, Deputy Principal
jscho62@eq.edu.au
**Chappy news**

We had a great start to our Triple P Parenting course yesterday in the library. There were 8 Mums that attended and committed to being involved over the next 3 weeks. This is such an excellent way to add some extra tools into your Parenting Tool Kit. I love the fact that it is an opportunity to share some of your experiences with other like Mums (Dads are welcome) and receive support within the School Community. Peter Wheeler and myself work together on this and will from time to time have the course offered at other times later in the year.

We were reminded today about noticing when your children are trying to help and remembering to give them encouragement for the task. We looked at what Positive Parenting involves and some of the courses for problem behaviours. There was opportunity for setting some goals for change and thinking about what they could encourage their child in. Have fun with the Parenting Journey. It is a wonderful investment with amazing rewards.

*Blessings, Chappy Alexia*

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**General news**

**Student Council news**

**Date Claimers:**

- 9 March – first Disco for the year to support chaplaincy (details in next newsletter)
- 17 March – Shave/Spray for a cure

If there is anyone in our school community, who would like to shave you can register under our school page which is as follows **Fabulous Ferny password ferny**. If you intend to shave could you please let me know via email: lreid37@eq.edu.au Many thanks.

Also to ensure that we have enough coloured hair spray for our students, we require donations from you, our school families, of coloured hair spray. This may be dropped at my classroom which is K Block near the chooks. Thanking you for your continued support.

*Leanne Reid, Student Council Coordinator*

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**Instrumental music news**

Ferny Grove State School has a strong Instrumental Music program across a range of string, woodwind, brass and percussion instruments. Students begin learning from as early as year 3. Recently our Principal, Brett Shackleton, was asked to share his thoughts for an advocacy video on the value of instrumental music programs in schools. Worth watching and a great reflection on the role and strength of music education. Watch it [here](#).

**Cellists from across the cluster hard at work at Beginner’s Instrumental Music Camp.**

**A great start to the year for our Senior Band performing the national anthem on the first parade of the year!**
Defence Students Education Assistance

As the new year gets underway, we would like to remind all new families to FGSS about the education assistance available to Defence students through the Defence Community Organisation. Students who require tutoring to fill any gaps in their understanding or curriculum caused by having to change schools due to postings or relocation, may be entitled to up to 14 weeks tutoring in any subject that has been identified by the school as representing a gap in learning. This assistance is available as a reimbursement of fees for tutoring to primary and secondary students, within the first 18 months of enrolment at a new school in a new posting location.

For further details regarding the full range of support offered by DCO and to access all necessary forms visit www.defence.gov.au/dco or contact the all-hours Defence Family Helpline on 1800 624 808.

Catch up Club

Catch up Club and Chappy room have been busy the last couple of weeks with students sharing the space to play board games with friends and draw. This week we are treating students to popcorn and games.

In addition to the Catch up Club and Chappy room being open every Monday to Wednesday at first break, we will also set up games outside the hall on Thursdays at first break for all students to enjoy.

New Students Welcome

Starting at a new school can be very exciting, but for some students it can also be a stressful experience. Making new friends and learning the different routines can take some time. That is why every year at FGSS we like to make our new students feel special and welcome by treating them to a refreshing ice-block and the opportunity to meet new friends while playing games.

This year we welcomed 70 new students who joined in a variety of board games and team activities organised by some very responsible and friendly Year 6 helpers. A special thank you to all the year 6K & 6W students who gave up their play time to welcome the new students.

Defence Parents Morning Tea

Thank you to all the Defence parents who joined us for morning tea this morning. It was wonderful to meet many of our new parents and enjoy a chat with everyone. Thank you also to the representatives from DCO who attended the morning tea and shared some useful information relating to the services and support available for Defence students and families.

We look forward to seeing you again at our next morning tea in Term 2.

Jessica De la Jara & Liz Heddershaw
Defence School Transition Aides
We are air conditioning the school and we need your help!

With the recent bout of HOT weather there is no doubt that Air Conditioning within classrooms has been making a huge difference in our school.

The FGSS Parents and Citizens Association has begun the massive job of Air Conditioning classrooms. This is a $260,000 project with a rollout across 4 years and is solely funded by P&C fundraising activities and community support. The P&C is responsible for all cost associated with the project from installation to servicing and increased power consumption.

As we embark on stage 3 we are seeking your support.

With your donations to the FGSS P&C Building fund we can continue the roll out of air conditioning across the school. All donations are tax deductible and every bit helps.

Please consider making a donation - this is possible via Flexischools at www.flexischools.com.au.

or direct deposit
Ferny Grove State School P&C Association School Building Fund
BSB: 064 171
ACC: 10450161

Please put your surname and initials as your reference and email Sarah Rogers in our P&C office if you require a tax receipt - sroge198@eq.edu.au

Thank you for your support.

Regards,
Tony Clark
FGSS P&C President
aclar490@eq.edu.au
Important Dates

February
13    7pm FAST Meeting - Library
15    7pm P & C Meeting - Library
21    6pm IMPS Meeting - Library

Coffee Cart
Well our Coffee cart has had a New Year makeover, with a slick new paint job and the sides raised (so the tall people don’t hit their heads while waiting in line!) A big thanks to Tony Clark, our P & C President who worked up a sweat in the relentless January heat to make our favourite coffee hangout so nice and shiny! The coffee cart is open each morning before school 8-9:10am. We are fully run by volunteers, if you are interested in joining us come and say hello one morning we would love to meet you. Like us on Facebook/fgsscoffeeecart

Tuckshop
Huge thanks to everyone who has embraced the use of online ordering via Flexischools.

Did you know that you are able to order days or weeks in advance via Flexischools. It is also free to top up your account by using direct bank deposit (can take up to 5 business days). To avoid missing out on your favourite items order before 9am.

We need Volunteers to fill dates below as a once off shift (9:00am – 12:00noon) and to go in the draw for a special appreciation gift. Simply give me a call/email.

Term 1 - 21 Feb and 21 Mar
As always thanks to our hard working volunteers.

Liz Mu, Senior Managing Convenor
3550 5361
tuckshop@fernygro vess.eq.edu.au

Stationery & Uniform Store
Opening Hours:
Monday and Friday 8 - 10am
Wednesday 2-5pm

Charyl Cowles, Stationery Convenor
3550 5359 (0431 265 068
stationery@fernygro vessa.eq.edu.au
Madonna Morton, Uniform Convenor
3550 5342 (0409 272 062)
uniform@fernygrovess.eq.edu.au

Family Movie Night
SAT 11th MARCH
6.00PM
$10 per family

BBQ, DRINKS & CANDY BAR
FROM 5.00PM
FERNY GROVE STATE SCHOOL PRESENTS
DISNEY PIXAR
FINDING DORY
FGSS HALL
BYO CHAIRS, CUSHIONS, BEANBAGS ETC
Community news

Ellendale Neighbourhood Grants

The Ellendale Neighbourhood Grants program was developed by Cedar Woods in recognition of the important role that community groups play in building healthy and vibrant neighbourhoods.

In 2017, up to $20,000 will be allocated to local community groups in grants of $500, $1,000, or $2,000.

The program is funded by Cedar Woods through a percentage of sales from every lot sold.

Who can apply?

Sports, welfare, culture, recreation and other not-for-profit groups providing services that benefit the local community are encouraged to apply.

Do I qualify?

To be eligible to apply, you must meet the following criteria:

- Be a not-for-profit local community group, not an individual.
- Have been in operation for more than 12 months.
- Benefit the community in Upper Kedron, Ferry Grove, The Gap, Kunda Park, Sunnybank, Ferny Hills, Everton Hills and/or Mitchelton.

Applications must be submitted between 06 February and 24 March, 2017. Only one application per group per year will be accepted.

All applications are reviewed by the Ellendale Neighbourhood Grants committee and applicants will be advised of results in May 2017.

What can grants be used for?

Grants can be used for a range of needs including new equipment, uniforms, landscaping, building improvements and many more initiatives.

How to apply

Application forms are available at www.ellendale.com.au/neighbourhood-grants
- Ellendale Sales Centre 390 Luthe Road, Upper Kedron, Brisbane, Qld
- Application forms must be completed and received by 5pm, Friday, 24 March, 2017.

Please email: grants@cedarwoods.com.au

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Asthma apps for children

Volunteers needed

Researchers at University of New South Wales, Macquarie University and University of South Australia are seeking volunteer research participants to share their thoughts about apps for children with asthma.

Would the research project be a good fit for me and my child?

You are eligible to participate if your child:

- is aged 6 to 11 years
- speaks English
- has been diagnosed with asthma by a doctor
- has access to a smartphone
- can travel to the testing facilities in Sydney, Brisbane or Adelaide
- does not have any other serious health conditions.

What would happen if I took part in the research project?

If you decide to have your child take part in the research study, you and your child will:

- complete a questionnaire (approximately 30 mins) and participate in a focus group AND/OR a user-testing session of asthma apps (approximately 1 hour)

Will I be paid to take part in the research project?

A $50 Westfield gift voucher will be provided to each family as a thank you for their valuable contribution to research.

Who do I contact if I want more information or want to take part in the study?

If you would like more information or are interested in being part of the study please contact:

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REQUIRED
HOST FAMILIES

FOR

JAPANESE STUDENTS

Attending Ferny Grove SHS March 2017

ARRIVAL DATE: 6th March 2017
DEPARTURE DATE: 19th March 2017

If you are interested, please contact Shannon Krueger from AIUU on 0411 083 626 or shannonkrueger@gmail.com

AIUU will pay a small stipend to cover the costs of looking after the students.
Community news

Pine Hills Football
Registrations still open!

U6 - U11 players wanted!
Registrations are still open for the Pine Hills Football Club 2017 season.

Pine Hills is a family oriented club with a strong focus on junior development, and getting girls involved, we will be offering girls only teams from U6 upwards.

All skill levels are welcomed, from those who would just love a game with their mates, to those you aspire to be the next Messi!

For details on fees and registration, please visit our website.

If you would prefer to register online or can’t make it down to sign-on day you can register online.

If you have any questions, please email us.

Soccer Fun for Girls & Boys Ages 2 to 12

Love Football? - Missed our Week 1? Come and enrol anytime.

Mite E Soccer (2-3yrs)*
A great introduction to Soccer! Children work with their parents to learn basic soccer skills and develop their motor skills.

End of Term...we are back!!

35 minute classes
$100 for 6 weeks

For details on fees and registration, please visit our website.

If you would prefer to register online or can’t make it down to sign-on day you can register online.

If you have any questions, please email us.

THURSDAYS: 5.30PM-6.00PM
SATURDAYS: 9.30AM-10.00AM

With your enrolment in Term 1 2017 get $50 discount when you register your child in the FC Barcelona Escola Football Camps in Brisbane (April 3rd to 7th)


Trash & Treasure
Plus Market Day
Sunday 5th March • 7am -2pm • Lawnton Showgrounds
(757 Gympie Road, Lawnton)

Contact 0449 725 167 or bestfriendsfundraising@gmail.com

BFR
Cat Cuddle Cafe
Paws for Life Rescue
Author's Rescue Support Network
BBF
Kids activities

Art's & Crafts
Trash & Treasure
Garage sale
Bake Sale
Food Stalls

Community news

NAB AFL Auskick is running at your local Junior AFL Club now!
Where: Ferny Grove Falcons JAC – Tramway Street, Ferny Grove
When: First session is on Friday 17th February
Time: 6:00 – 7:00pm
Length of program: 7 Weeks*
Cost: ONLY $75.00

FIRST SESSION IS A ‘COME & TRY’ SESSION

When participating in NAB AFL Auskick every participant receives their very own AFL football,
Large back pack, Football pump, football trading cards,
Wristband and much more!

For further information visit aflauskick.com.au
or call 3865 8700. *Weather permitting

Hook in2 Hockey is for boys and girls who have never played club hockey before and introduces the basic skills of hockey using games. It is the ideal opportunity to try hockey ahead of the 2017 season.

Cost: $85 per participant
Who: Boys and girls aged 5 to 13
Time: 7 x Friday evening sessions, 6:00-7:00pm
Dates: 10, 17, 24 February and 3, 10, 17, 24 March
Where: Pine Hills Hockey Club grass fields: James Drysdale Reserve, Jailer Track, Bunya

Every participant receives a beginners equipment pack to keep that includes:
• Hockey stick
• Shin guards
• Hockey ball
• Backpack
• Singlet

** REGISTER NOW FOR HOOK IN2 HOCKEY **
To ensure your pack arrives in time for the first session
For all enquiries & registration details;
Visit www.pinethillshockey.org.au
Email jain@pinethillshockey.org.au
Or call Megan on 0414 340 643

Sign on for the 2017 club season at any of the HookIn2Hockey sessions or at our Sign On Day – 4 February, 10am-1pm at James Drysdale Reserve

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Never played before?
ALL WELCOME
Skills training nights coming up in February!
Boys aged 5 - 17 & Girls aged 5 - 12
Under 6’s and 7’s Rego Fee $25 No more to pay
Any questions call Michael on 0450 720 410

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