

# Ferny Grove Newsflash



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## A WORD (OR TWO) FROM THE PRINCIPAL



### PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY

At 8.30am on Monday June 1, 2009 Mr Barry Starkey handed me the reins of the Ferny Grove State School. I barely had time to celebrate becoming the first school principal in my family (winning over both my sisters who are teachers, one of whom is a deputy principal) and I was giving out merit awards and prestigious awards for reading, enjoying the 4/5 choir and listening to an original acoustic performance from the year 6s! Mrs Smethurst and Mr Kirby then hosted me at the World of Maths. We were enjoying this so much I missed the Footsteps Dance Troupe! Luckily there was still time to read with Year 1G and Miss Hastings.

Baked goods greeted us at morning tea, a sure sign of a visitor I am told, before Mr Starkey and I toured the school. The tour included a review of Queensland's educational building types from the 1930s and the 1970s through to the current day. Highlights included the great work of the school's P & C committee. Although not on the agenda we managed to squeeze in a visit to the library and we checked out some books with the year 1s and Mrs Donnet. Another visit with Mrs Smethurst and the grade 7s was arranged to see their excellent work utilising the internet and their software knowledge in developing a report.



Along the way we did manage a sneak peek at the dance troupe (but there was no time for Year 7 flutes. Apologies to the flutes) and then it was off to a planning meeting for curriculum.

By 3.15pm I was glad to hand the school back to Mr Starkey! Like all good managers I was able to put off any critical decisions until the truly competent parties could be involved. (Cue Mr Starkey, who would have been very busy on Tuesday, June 2!) This was a unique insight into the demands of school life. If my experience is anything to go by, the issues of a normal day range from personal and micro management matters right through to long term planning concerns and back again. Needless to say the pace was frenetic at times.

Finally, I would like to extend my thanks to Barry, all the staff and the students. Everywhere I went I was made to feel welcome and accepted. Although my stay was short, the lasting impression of Ferny Grove State School will be of a real sense of community and a shared interest in the welfare of the children and their education. Principal for a day, unforgettable!

*Michael Lavery*

### EDUCATION WEEK

Although the special Under 8 activities planned to be held on Friday had to be postponed due to the state of the oval, it was a terrific week. I'm sure parents would have taken the opportunity to thank teachers for the extra effort they gave to make this possible. Thank you to the parents who have attended an activity as your attendance enhances the experience for the children.

### 2010 ENROLMENTS

The Information Session was held on Tuesday evening. There are a number of processes in place to complete enrolments for students from Prep to Year 7. Obviously, the Prep enrolments are by far the majority. However, enrolment processes for students are no less important. The goal is to assist parents complete the enrolment with ease so that the students are as prepared as possible and have a smooth start to their schooling at Ferny Grove.

If current parents know of anyone who has children that may enrol in any year level, please advise them to contact the school office now so that the process starts. This will ensure that there is the opportunity to be involved in the induction process.

### PREP WALKWAYS

Thankfully, these are almost completed and may even be open by the time this Newsflash is printed. I've been told that they will be used for more than just walkways by my enterprising Prep staff. I was pleased that my pleas to make them wider than originally proposed was met and now realize that this lends itself to a multiple of uses. The lights will give us safer access to the Prep and adjacent buildings. To compensate for the extra power with this project and the school facilities in general, all lighting will be off after a certain time but will be turned on at irregular periods.

### CONTACT DETAILS

It is always important that contact details are current and correct. Please telephone office staff to advise any updated contact details. Tel: 3550 5333

With the 'flu' scare, it is doubly important as, if there is a case identified, the Health Department will probably direct that the school be closed. In that case, every parent will be contacted for arrangements for children to be collected.

This will be done by phone.

*B. Starkey*  
BARRY STARKEY (PRINCIPAL)



**EARLY YEARS NEWS**

**TERM 2: LOOKING AHEAD**

Friday, 12 June Under 8's morning on the Yr 1-2 oval.  
 Wed, 24 June P– 3 Inter-house Sports Day

**UNDER 8s MORNING**

Last week's scheduled Under 8's morning was postponed due to the inclement weather. This **Friday, 12 June** Prep - Year 3 students will celebrate **Under 8's morning**, following our Early Years Assembly.

**Paul Cooke**  
*Deputy Principal*

**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS AND REHEARSALS**

Advanced Music Camp takes place next week and this will impact upon all instrumental lessons and rehearsals. There will be **NO** woodwind, brass, strings or percussion lessons next week as our teachers will be at Advanced Music Camp.

Junior Band **will have a rehearsal** on Wednesday morning as per usual. Mr Grainger will be here at 7:30am to conduct the 1 hour rehearsal before rushing off to camp. No Senior Band, Senior or Junior Strings rehearsals will take place during the week.

**PARADE PERFORMANCES**

**Mon 15 June** - Intermediate Choir (Yr 4/5). Children will be required to wear full performance uniform as this is a Student of the Month Parade.

**Mon 22 June** - Senior Strings (As the Senior Strings will not have had a rehearsal for 2 weeks we ask for Senior Strings students to rehearse at the hall from 7:30am on Monday 22 June in preparation for the performance on Parade. Children are to meet Mrs Seneviratne at the hall at 7:30am.

**ADVANCED MUSIC CAMP**

Next week 42 Ferny Grove students will be attending the Advanced Music Camp at Ferny Grove High School . The children will be working all week

on some very challenging pieces in preparation for the Twilight Concert which will be held on Friday 19 June at the Ferny Grove High School hall commencing at 6:30pm. The camp gives the children the opportunity to stretch their musical skills and the Twilight Performance is always a memorable, entertaining evening. Certainly not to be missed.

**MIKE JACKSON PERFORMANCE MONDAY 15 JUNE**

**Cost: \$4**  
**Venue: School Hall**

- 10am Prep - 3
- 12pm Yrs 3 and 4
- 1:50pm Yrs 5, 6 and 7

Well known performer and one of Ferny Grove 's grandparents is here to entertain our students once again. Mike skillfully delights his audiences with his varied repertoire of songs, instruments and theatrical style.

Mike generously donates all proceeds to the school and these funds are fed straight back into resourcing our classrooms.

Please complete the permission slip below and return to the office with the \$4. (This show was not advertised on the bulk bill).

**Parents are more than welcome to attend the performances at no cost.**

**Belinda Evans**  
*Deputy Principal*



**HYGIENE REMINDERS**

Please assist your child/ren to stay healthy:

- Stay home from school if sick.
- Wash hands with soap after going to the toilet, or when coughing or sneezing.
- Wash hands after touching eyes, nose or mouth.
- Cover your mouth or nose when coughing or sneezing.
- Use tissues and throw them in the bin after use.

**Paul Cooke**  
*Deputy Principal*



**DEFENCE NEWS**

Last week was hectic, with so many families being disrupted by exercises and deployments. I think my feet are finally back on the ground!

There is a **Managing Parental Absence Seminar** to be held on:

Date: Monday 22 June  
 Time: 9.30am — 12.30pm  
 Where: DeGIG  
 Phone: 3354 0500

Please note that my email address is as below. Until next week, take care.

**Marilyn Young DSTA**  
*myoun178@eq.edu.au*

**CELEBRATE 150 YEARS Ferny Grove Dress Up Day**

**On Thursday 11 June**, the Student-Council has organised an Australian Day **Character Dress Up Day**.

See last weeks news for suggestions.

A gold coin donation is required to dress up.

Proceeds will go to the Leukaemia Foundation in memory of our late pupil **Tameka Abel**.

**Student Council**



**GOTCHAS: Well Done!**

These children were caught **'doing the right thing'** and were rewarded with an ice block voucher from the tuck-shop.

- Mayah 3H, Colin J 1GH,
- Sheridyn 2H, Blake L 2CH
- Lucas W 2C, Jesse D 3H

<b>FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS</b>	
Wed 10 June	• OSHC Mtg. 7.00 pm
Thu 11 June	• Yr.6 Family Planning
Fri 12 June	• 8.45 Early Years Assembly • Under 8s morning
Mon 15 June	• Whole School Parade • PAG Mtg. 7.00 pm • <b>SENIOR INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC CAMP— All week</b>
Wed 17 June	• Collect Cookie Dough from Tuck-shop • P & C Mtg. 7.30 pm
Fri 19 June	• No Early Years Assembly • Last day for Winter Sport

**PERMISSION FORM - MIKE JACKSON PERFORMANCE**

I give my child..... in Year .....permission to attend the Mike Jackson performance on Monday 15 June. I enclose \$4 for this event. ....

(Parent's signature)

**PREP – YR. 3 SPORTS DAY**

Our Prep— 3 Sports Day will be held on **Wednesday 24 June** commencing at 9.00 am and concluding at approx. 1.20 pm. Children are encouraged to wear house colours.

**Green - Kangaroos ; Red - Koalas Blue - Kookaburras; Yellow - Kingfishers**

As always the emphasis is on participation and enjoyment.

The program for the day will include:

**9.00 Assemble with Teachers**

**9.15 March Past**

**Sprint events in year levels** (Year 3 will be timed in an attempt to create a finals race for overall place ribbons)

**11.00 First Break**

**12.00 Tabloid - Rotational Activities**

**1.20 Conclusion**

**(Prep children will be running an alternative program after their sprints at 9.20am)**

Parental assistance will be required at various stages of the carnival, particularly during the tabloid activities. Please let your class teacher know if you can help by returning the form below by **Friday 19 June**. We hope to see you on the day.

Should you wish to take your child home at the end of the sports program, please advise your child's teacher.

**At parents' discretion,** children in Year 3 who are turning 9 years old this year are encouraged to also take part in the events for their age group on Thursday 25 and Friday 26 (8.30 am start Friday only) in the Years 4 -7 Sports Day Program.

**All students (Prep—7) must wear a sun safe hat, appropriate footwear and bring a water bottle. Students may wear the relevant house-coloured t-shirt and should apply sunscreen.**

**HELP!! Make the Athletics Carnival a Success**

Your help is required! We appreciate everyone is busy, however, if you could spare part or all of **FRIDAY 26 June** to help make the day enjoyable for the students, please complete the slip below and return to the office by **Friday 19 June**. Thank you

**Gary Kirby**



**YEARS 4 – 7 SPORTS DAY**

Once again our annual sports carnival for the upper school (Years 4 to 7 - turning 9 - 13 years during 2009) is approaching.

We run a program of which we are very proud. Those of you who are new to our school will be pleasantly surprised to learn that at our sports carnival, every child participates in every activity.

Each child's performance is measured and converted into points. The sports house that wins is not necessarily the house with the champions but the house in which every member plays his/her part. Thus every child contributes by trying his/her best. However, to run such a carnival requires the help of many parents on the day to assist teachers with the events. Our carnival begins on Thursday 25, continuing on to Friday 26 June starting daily at approximately 8.30 am.

**Kent Rainbow  
Phys Ed. Specialist**

**ATHLETICS TIMETABLE  
THURSDAY 25 JUNE**

**Incorporating long distance races:**

- 800 m (10—13 yrs)
- 600 m (9 yrs)

**HIGH JUMP**

9.00 am	9 years
10.00 am	10 years
12.00 pm	11 years
1.50 pm	12 / 13 years

**LONG DISTANCE**

9.00 am	10 years
10.00 am	9 years
12.00 pm	12 / 13 years
1.50 pm	11 years

**TIMETABLE - FRIDAY 26 JUNE**

**8.30 - 9.45**

Long Jump 12/13 yrs; Sprints 11 yrs; 200m. 10 yrs; Ball Games 9 yrs.

**9.45 - 10.45**

Long Jump 9 yrs; Shot Put 12/13 yrs; 200 m. 11 yrs; Ball Games 10 yrs.

**10.45 -11.15 - LUNCH BREAK**

**11.15 -12.15**

Long Jump 10 yrs; Shot Put 9 yrs; Sprints 2/13 yrs; Ball Games 11 yrs.

**12.15 -1.15**

Long Jump 11 yrs; Shot Put 10 yrs; Sprints 9 yrs; 200m. 12/13 yrs;

**1.15 -1.30 - LUNCH BREAK**

**1.30 -2.30**

Shot Put 11 yrs; Sprints 10 yrs; 200m. 9 yrs; Ball Games 12/13 yrs.

**2.30 - 2.50 All-Age House Relays  
IF TIME PERMITS**

Presentation of Trophies and Ribbons

**FANTASTIC FAIRYTALE PLAYS**

On Thursday 4 June, all of the Year 3's did fairytale performances for the parents in their classrooms. In 3S we did three different plays, "Jack and The Beanstalk", "Cinderella" and "The Three Little Pigs".



I thought "Jack and the Beanstalk" was excellent because Jack, who was played by Caleb, used good expression and spoke nice and loudly.

He was very brave and was excited when he was on stage. (Ryan)

"The Three Little Pigs" group were very good because they were nice and clear and loud and didn't fiddle. (Tyson)



I was in the "Cinderella" group and was a bit nervous, but I just didn't look at the parents and did it how I always did it.

Jay, the narrator was good because he used a big voice. (Mikayla)

Afterwards we shared morning tea with the parents. We enjoyed practising the plays, especially when we got to do the actions without using our scripts.

We were happy because our parents got to watch us. It was the best day ever!

Written by **Mikayla Goopy, Tyson Payne and Ryan Beevers in 3S.**

***Ferry Grove State School  
Thinker's Challenge***



The Early Years winner of the last challenge was Clara Hall of 3K for her "Hovering House".

Well Done Clara

**"HELP" RETURN SLIP for PREP – 3 and SENIOR (Yr. 4 - 7) SPORTS DAYS**

Please tick your availability and return to the office by **Friday 19 June 2009**.

I can assist with the **Prep—3 Sports Day** Tabloids, Wednesday 24 June from 12.00 — 1.20 pm  and / or

I can help at the following time/s on Senior Sports Day, Friday 26 June 2008. Morning  Afternoon  All Day

Name: ..... Your child's class .....

All items for inclusion in the current Newsflash should be emailed to [Newsflash@ferngrovss.eq.edu.au](mailto:Newsflash@ferngrovss.eq.edu.au) by **3.00 pm on Mondays.**



**STATIONERY STORE:**

Monday & Friday 8 – 9 am.

**Charyl Cowles, Convenor**  
3550 5359 (0431 265 068)



**UNIFORM STORE**

Mon and Fri 8.00 am - 9.00 am

**Christine Thompson, Convenor**  
0400 223 818

**OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE COMMITTEE MEETING**



**Wednesday, 10 June 2009 - 7.00 pm**

All parents and carers are welcome and encouraged to attend the next OSHC Committee Meeting.

Your contribution and participation may be of benefit to your child/ren and others. Lets work together and make it count.

**Debby Brown**  
Chairperson

**SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL FUNDRAISING AND LOOK FABULOUS AS WELL**



ProfessioNail Brookside will donate 10% of total sales to the Ferry Grove State School community (parents, teachers, students).

For the school to receive the 10%, all you need to do is get a receipt from ProfessioNail and place it in the box at the tuckshop.

Thanks for your support.

**Julie Randolph-Davis**  
PAG Secretary

**BRISBANE NORTH CENTRAL and WEST DISTRICTS PARENT EDUCATION CENTRE**

Referrals for the 2009 Management of Young Children Program (2½ - 7 yrs.), Program for Positive Parenting and FaB 4Kids Parent Program are being taken at this time.

It is suggested that involvement in these programs be initiated by parents on advice from school personnel. Parents are required to contact the centre: **3355 9202** to be placed on the waiting lists or make enquiries.

**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

Date	Tuckshop Roster
Thu 11 Jun	Juanita Akenson, <b>HELP</b>
Fri 12 June	Marie Kinshela, Vicki, Amy Martin
Mon 15 June	Jane McClintock,
Tue 16 June	<b>HELP NEEDED</b>
Wed 17 Jun	Donna Little
Thu 18 June	Shirabdi Gordon, Kellee Gyles, Julie Haslam, <b>HELP</b>

**Deb Cheers, Convenor**  
3550 4361 mob 0423 539 846

**CPR FAMILY PICNIC AND PLAY**

Families of 1L and 1T are invited to come along to Upper Kedron Reserve on Sunday, 14 June at 1.00pm for a picnic and play in the park (weather permitting). Please BYO picnic.



**LOST**

A new 2009-10 Entertainment Book was lost in the school hall on Tuesday afternoon 5 May after aerobics. This has been paid for so if it accidentally came home with your child or if you picked it up, it would be appreciated if it could please be returned to the

**A REMINDER TO PARENTS**

There is a phone line set up to record absences of children from school. **This is simple to use and helps with the congestion of the switchboard in the office in the peak morning periods.**

The instructions are as follows:

**ABSENCE LINE – 3550 5360 – FOR STUDENT ABSENCES**

**Phone any time , Wait for the BEEP, Slowly and clearly state — your name + your child's name + roll class + date of absence + reason for absence.**

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**LOST PROPERTY**



Lost property has continued to pile up. Please come and check for your child's lost property, which is accumulating. Unfortunately, most of these items are **unnamed**, which makes tracking down owners impossible. We hope you will search through the overflowing bins and reclaim your lost items.

**COLLECTION OF MONIES**

**MONEY COLLECTION DAYS ARE: TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS and THURSDAYS**

**PLEASE DO NOT SEND MONEY ON MONDAYS AND FRIDAYS.**

Receipts are issued for payments and sent back via the classroom teachers. Please look for these.

**Please note that we cannot provide change** directly over the counter and we also ask that the correct amount be provided in the envelope.

Please send all permission forms to your teacher.

Do not enclose permission forms in the money envelope.

We **DO NOT** accept foreign coins.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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**ALERT - CONTACT DETAILS**

Please contact the school office if any of your contact details change, including emergency numbers.

**P & C NOTICEBOARD — next meeting Wednesday 17 JUNE**

**Tuckshop – 3550 5361**  
Mon-Fri 8.30-12.00 pm

**Uniform Store - 3550 5342**  
Mon and Fri 8.00 - 9.00 am

**Stationery Store – 3550 5359**  
Mon and Fri 8.00 - 9.00 am

**OSHC**  
Gail 3851 2196