

Ferny Grove Newsflash



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A WORD (OR TWO) FROM THE PRINCIPAL



INFORMATION SESSIONS

I believe that the 2009 Parent Information sessions were the best attended ever with the first session being the most popular time. My thanks to all teachers who willingly gave of their time preparing and presenting the sessions.

I hope parents received the information needed to grasp the outline of the curriculum areas and class routines that students in each of the year levels will encounter in 2009.

QCAR; NAPLAN; QCAT; ASSESSMENT; REPORTING

I'm sure that all parents who attended the Admin middle session either on Monday or Wednesday evening will have an understanding of the above items. All are very important and will have an impact on every student.

On the second night there was an indication that there is parental interest in looking into a QCAT and also some aspects of the Year 3, 5 & 7 NAPLAN test. I intend offering a session in Term 1 and possibly further depending on the interest. I feel that it would be best to run with no more than 40 in a group. I'm sure it would be not only informative but an enjoyable experience for parents.

The evening will be held on Tuesday, 24 February at 7.00 pm.

THANK YOU

To Phil Forrest and Danny Gough who gave up their Sunday afternoon to make adjustments to the Year 3/4 adventure playground in preparation for the installation of the shade cloth which should be erected this week.

PARENT TEACHER INITIAL CONFERENCES

It is important that all parents 'meet' with their child's 2009 teacher before the year really gets underway. The best is a face to face conference as there are more opportunities to fully exchange thoughts. If this is not possible due to a suitable time not being able to be arranged, a phone conference can be substituted.

For both conferences, arrangements will be needed to find a time which is suitable for both the parent and teacher. As the teacher may have up to 30 conferences, may I ask parents to be flexible so all can be accommodated.

The Parent Information sessions concluded last Wednesday and I hope you were able to attend. If there were some areas that weren't covered or if there were some topics on which you would like further details, please mention this at the conference. It may not be possible to cover the matter at that moment due to time constraints as other appointments may have been set. However, the teacher will arrange to discuss it at another time or, if it is raised by a number of parents, it could be a general topic for an information session possibly across the whole school.

Teachers may be able to provide some handouts to parents unable to attend an information session. It would be impossible to repeat the session for each individual. The handouts will be informative, though not as enlightening without the presentation.

Teachers will forward a circular to parents to make these appointments.


BARRY STARKEY (PRINCIPAL)

THEFT OF P & C MONEY AND / OR STOCK / EQUIPMENT.

The laws governing all P & Cs are created, implemented and enforced by the Education Act. Internal policies made by P & Cs must work within those boundaries. On the matter of theft, Ed Qld is quite specific about what the P & C must do. It is understandable that from time to time over the many years of activities and events, that the odd mishap may occur with the loss of money or stock from one of our stores. This is so rare and small that it is impossible to know whether the loss was intentional or accidental and we accept that risk.

Where we have a circumstance of loss that re-occurs, then of course, we have to look very closely at those circumstances to determine any pattern or likely cause.

If the P & C believe that theft or intentional misconduct has occurred, then we are bound to immediately pass the matter on to the school Principal. The Principal will then determine, with departmental advice, to contact any persons of interest or even to involve the police.

If anyone has any questions, or any comments about this topic, or if any parent feels they have been a victim of theft and wishes to discuss it, please contact myself, or Principal Starkey for a confidential conversation.

Danny Gough
President – P & C
0407 767 750



EARLY YEARS NEWS

EARLY YEARS ASSEMBLY STARTS

Our first Early Years Assembly will be held on Friday, 13 Feb in the school hall from 8:50 am. School Sports Captains will be conducting our assemblies this year. Prep – Year 3 students will be acknowledged and learning will be shared. Parents and Carers are invited to attend. We aim to finish by 9:20 am.

Paul Cooke
Deputy Principal

LORIN NICHOLSON SCHOOL PERFORMANCE Friday 27 February

Lorin Nicholson's performance called "See Sharp" is accredited with Arts Council, Qld. Cost is \$5 as advertised on the Term 1 bulk bill. Payment will be due by **Thursday 19 February**. Please complete the tear off slip below and return to the office with payment.

CANCEL SENIOR BAND and STRING REHEARSALS and PERCUSSION LESSONS

No Senior Band or Senior Strings rehearsal will take place on Monday 16 February or Tuesday 17 February.

Woodwind lessons will continue as usual on Monday 16 February. Strings lessons will continue as usual on Tuesday after first break.

There will be **no Percussion lessons** on **Tuesday** as Ms. Savage will be on camp.

INDUCTION PARADE will be held on Monday, 23 February 8.50 am in the hall. Do come along to this special parade as we acknowledge and induct many of our 2009 Year 7 students.

YEAR 7 CAMP DEPARTURE

All Yr. 7 students **MUST** be at school by 6.00am on Monday 16 February (next Monday).

The buses will depart from Finvoy Street for camp SHARPLY at 6.30am. Students are to congregate at the top car park in Finvoy Street.

Belinda Evans
Deputy Principal

PARENT INVITATION A MUST!

When: Tuesday, 24 February
Time: 7.00—8.00 pm
Where: Staffroom
What: NAPLAN

A TASTER FOR PARENTS
Parents will be provided with an opportunity to gain an understanding of the 2008 Yr 3, 5 and 7 National Tests in Literacy and Numeracy, and the schedule for 2009. You get to have a go at what your children will or have experienced.

Bring: pen, notepaper (Books and devices / outside assistance allowed eg. Bring a friend).

RSVP: To register leave your name at the school office, telephone school on 3550 5333 or email: thepincipal.ferngrovss.eq.edu.au



SWIMMING DAY REMINDERS

Mondays Yrs 6 and 7 as scheduled
Tuesdays Yrs 2 and 5
Wednesdays Yrs 2 and 3
Please remember to bring: togs, sun-safe shirt, towel sunscreen (SPF30+) & bathing cap.
Years 6 & 7 students must also bring: Long sleeve shirt, pants, old joggers and socks.

DATE CLAIMERS:

THE NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM IN LITERACY AND NUMERACY (NAPLAN)

The National Assessment Program Literacy & Numeracy will involve all Yr 3, 5 & 7 students across Australia. Students will participate in assessment tasks on 12, 13, 14 May. Please endeavour to plan for your child to be at school on these days. Information for parents can be accessed: <http://www.naplan.edu.au/parents/parents.html> Information is also available on the Queensland Studies Authority website: www.qsa.qld.edu.au

LITERACY TRAINING

This week the first group of our Year 4 to 6 teachers commence what will amount to 5 days of training provided by Regional Literacy Managers.

20 of our staff will attend training over the remaining weeks of Term 1. Jenny Morrison, Garry Thompson and Allira Campbell-Jeffery will attend training on Wed, 11 and Thurs, 12 Feb.

CLASS PARENT REPS PROGRAM (CPRS)

Information was sent home last week inviting volunteer parents to nominate for the position on Class Parent Reps in 2009. Please see your child's teacher if you haven't received the information.

Please forward your expression of interest to your child's teacher **by Friday, 13 February**. CPRs will be emailed confirmation of their selection on **Friday, 20 February**.

The first CPR Meeting is to be held in the staffroom at **2:00pm on Wednesday, 25 February**.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

Religious Instruction commences this week for Year 3 – 7 students who have parental consent. This consent is usually obtained on enrolment and remains operational unless you forward a written notice of withdrawal for your child/ren.

Parents have the option to have your child not participate.

RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER ELECTRONICALLY

To minimise our environmental impact and to ensure you receive the weekly newsletter electronically, please forward your eldest child's name and class, together with email address to newsflash@ferngrovss.eq.edu.au

Paul Cooke
Deputy Principal



LORIN NICHOLSON PERFORMANCE

"SEE SHARP"

Payment due Thursday 19 February, 2009

My child/ childrenin years will be attending Lorin Nicholson's Performance on Friday 27 February 2009.

Payment is enclosed or has been included with Bulk Bill payment

Parent Signature

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.

SCIENCE CLUB

Our first lunchtime Science Club will be held each Wednesday beginning 18 February.



Two lucky children will be chosen from each class, Years 3—7. It will be held in Mrs. Abundo's classroom 3A, next to the Learning Support room.

Our tuckshop is staffed by volunteers and we really need help to keep this service going. If you could please give a bit of your time to come and help out it would be greatly appreciated.

The P & C operates the tuckshop and it contributes greatly to raising funds that are passed on to the school, for the benefit of all our kids. The kids love it when you get involved in their school, and it's a great way to meet new people. It's also fun.

At the moment I need at least 9 helpers for Tuesdays, Thursdays or Fridays. It's generally only a once a month commitment, If you've been thinking about it then just pop in, or call me on **0423 539 846**. If you've got small children at home and have been unable to help in the past, I'm taking expressions of interest for starting a babysitting co-op to help you out. Again just pop in or call me.

Not everything went smoothly last week, and unfortunately my lack of computer skills showed! The new menu has some typos in it.

Mondays: Lasagne is \$3, Pasta Blasta and Macaroni Cheese should read \$2.50 a serve,
 Tuesdays: Roast Beef Roll is \$3, the Ploughmans lunch is \$4.50, and sausage rolls are available on Fridays! I think that's all.

Changes to the lunch schedule also mean that blizzards and ice creams must be bought over the counter from 11am. So your kids aren't spending their valuable playtime standing in a long queue, you can buy vouchers for these in the morning. Voucher-holding kids get to the front of the line faster!

For chips and drinks, its best to pre-order them with lunch. We're still working out the kinks and your patience is appreciated.

Here's to a smoother running week, and I hope to meet you soon!

Deb Cheers
0423 539 846



FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS



Thu 12 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RE Volunteers Coffee 1.50 - 2.50 pm Choral Workshop
Fri 13 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early Years Assembly 8.50 am NW Dist Swimming
Mon 16 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr.7 Camp (be at school by 6.00 am)
Wed 18 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr.3 Nexus Arts P & C Mtg. 7.30 pm Yr.7 Camp
Thu 19 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr. 2 Coles and Prickly Pears Tour
Fri 20 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early Years Assembly
Mon 23 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student Leaders Induction Parade 8.50 am All Welcome

LIBRARY NEWS



Our **50c BOOK SALE** was a great success. Children snapped up over 400 book bargains



and had a great time doing it. Let's do it again early next term! Our first **Book Fair** for the year is coming up early in March. Keep your eyes open for more details soon. Happy reading.

Patti Donnet
RESOURCE MANAGER

SCHOOL BANKING



Kerry Hansen has been our School Banking Coordinator for over 5 years and her son is now attending high school.

We are looking for a volunteer to train for this task to take over this valuable contribution to our school. It only takes an hour of your time per week. If interested please call Judy Shields in Admin **3550 5340**.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Many thanks to all who helped me settle into my new position last week. It certainly was a learning curve for me and apart from a few hiccups associated with the new lunch time, a successful one. I couldn't have done it without you!

GOTCHAS: Well Done!



These children were caught **'doing the right thing'** and are rewarded with an ice block voucher from the tuckshop.

- Chelsea Clark 4F
- Shania Woodard 4L
- Courtney Stevenson 4L
- Zachary Collins 6P
- Jaimyn Mayer-Love 6O

CLASSROOM NOTICES



- Parent Questionnaire
- Choir Contract and Levy
- N. W. District Swimming Trials
- Yr. 3A News
- Yr. 6 class notes
- 5T, 5CJ, 4S notes
- Parent Conference Notes
- Message from Anna Bligh MP Premier of Qld.



Would you like your Newsflash delivered using 2008 technology?

Email your request to Newsflash@ferngrovss.eq.edu.au

Please include the name and class of the eldest child in your family. e.g. Susan Allen 4A



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



UNIFORM STORE

Mon and Fri - 8.00 am to 9.00 am
YR 7 POLO SHIRT ORDERS must be returned by Friday 13 February.
 Please refer to the green order form sent home.

Christine Thompson, Convenor
0400 223 818

STATIONERY STORE:

OPENING HOURS: Monday & Friday only 8.00 – 9.00 am.

REAMS OF PAPER: Those students providing their reams of paper from home should label them clearly with their name and year level, and leave them at the office by Friday, 20 February.

OUT OF STOCK ITEMS: Mesh pouch only – all other previously out of stock items have been delivered to students. **NB:** It is parents' responsibility to keep receipts for taxation purposes.

FOR THIS YEAR ONLY – we will photocopy receipts, but requests must be received by Friday, 27 February. No photocopies available after this date.

Charyl Cowles, Convenor
3550 5359 (0431 265 068)

PAG MEETING

Come One Come All to the PAG AGM Monday 16 February in the staff room starting at 7.00pm.

For all interested we will be having a welcome back meet and great nibbles and refreshments provided starting at 6.30pm

Hope to see you all there. For more information please call

Allison Exley
0423 662 997



OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

The OSHC committee AGM is being held on **Wednesday, 11 February 2009**, in the OSHC room at 6.30pm.

New parents are very welcome.

A light supper will be provided.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Simone Howes
0438 164 727

ROAD SAFETY



As you all may have noticed traffic in the school precinct is very heavy particularly during the afternoon peak. Because of this it is essential that whilst in the vicinity of the school we all use care and concern for pedestrians, fellow road users and the neighbours of the school. Bearing this in mind we have a few strategies which we have employed in the past couple of years.

Rinavore Street :

As this street is so narrow, we would like to encourage parents who are stopping here to stop on the school side between McGinn Road and Finvoy Street and those stopping between Finvoy Street and Coleraine Street park on the opposite side of the street.

This still allows us a carriageway that is fairly easy to negotiate.

Once again I implore all drivers to be considerate of residents and not park across or too close to driveways thus allowing residents free and easy access to their property.

Remember residents are quite within their rights to call the local police. Parking too close to a corner is a traffic infringement. Whilst this may save you a minute or two you could be endangering the lives of a member of the school community because a driver's vision is impaired.

Enough for this week. Trusting that all school members will make a concerted effort to adhere to these simple safety requests.

Leanne Reid
Road Safety coordinator.

MUSIC AND CHORAL GROUP



Music and choral group parents, 2009 starts with a bang for the Integrated Music Parents Support group!

The AGM will be held on Thursday the 26th February at 7pm in the staff room.

Come along, find out what's happening, and get as involved as you like.

Shirabdi Gordon
IMPS Secretary

Date	Tuckshop Roster
Thu 12 Feb	Juanita Akenson
Fri 13 Feb	Marie Kinshela, Michelle Colefax, Andrea Beevers
Mon 16 Feb	Jane McClintock
Tue 17 Feb	HELP NEEDED
Wed 18 Feb	Donna Little
Thu 19 Feb	HELP NEEDED

COMMUNITY NEWS

SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE NEWS

The School Dental Program will be offering treatment to the students of this school soon. Years Prep - 7 have been issued with a consent/medical history form. If you wish your child to be treated please return the fully completed consent form (3 pages) to your class teacher by **16/2/09**.

Parents who return consent forms late will not necessarily have their children treated on site and may be offered treatment at another site.

Once dental staff receive a completed form your child will be examined. If your child requires further dental treatment, a 'statement of treatment needs' form will be issued for your signed consent.

You will be notified via the school newsletter of the date the school dental program commences treatment at this school.

For any enquires please contact staff on Ph 0409 878 581.

FOR SALE

Artiste SV100 Full Size Violin + case etc V.G.C. Bought from Animato.
 \$175

Phone: Kerri Netterfield
 0400717683

FOR SALE

CONN Director 27B Trumpet
V.G.C + hard plush case
 \$475.00 ONO

Phone: Tracey Cock
 0408 066 521

P & C NOTICEBOARD—next meeting Wednesday 18 February 7.30 pm

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