

Ferny Grove Newsflash



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A WORD (OR TWO) FROM THE PRINCIPAL



CONCERNS WITH DROP OFF ZONE USAGE

If parents are finding that fellow parents are being unfair and using the drop off areas incorrectly and illegally, and you feel very strongly about it, please report it to the police who have the authority to act. Legal Services advised against including the make and number of a vehicle in the newsletter even with the name of the person reporting it included. However, it can be reported to police by the person who notified us.

There have been numerous appeals that apparently have no effect. It is possible that the offenders don't read newsletters, feel that it doesn't apply to them or they don't need or wish to consider others. The matter has been raised at P & C meetings and action taken to contact the local police for assistance.



No stopping sign

Cooperation by all parents is all that is needed. Parents of our school are fortunate as there are three street entrances and three drop off zones. There should be few problems if used correctly and with a little patience.

STUDENT LEADERS

The induction of the leaders was held on 23rd February.

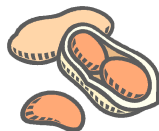
Thank you to parents, family members and friends for attending the ceremony. It was a special occasion for students being inducted and the school as a whole.



Thank you also to parents of student leaders who attended the early morning 'gatherings' on various occasions. It was an opportunity to discuss the roles and answer any questions. I don't recall many.

However, if there is something you would like further information about, please contact the office. There was a question asked about Peer Mediators. There is a detailed article in the Parent Information Kit. If, after reading the article you still have questions, please contact Mrs. Evans.

PEANUTS



Our tuck shop menu has no nut products as best as can be determined. There are children at our school who have a severe allergic reaction to nut products including such things as peanut paste. Parents of these children have prepared them and educated the children on the foods to avoid.

Could I ask all parents to try to provide lunches that don't have nut products as this would help eliminate the chance of accidental contact?

This consideration will assist in keeping these children safe.

COST OF EDUCATION 2009

The survey below was conducted by the Australian Scholarships Group and is the forecast for education costs for 2009.

I'm not sure, but believe that it may not include such things as school camps as they are not universal.

Preschool:

Government -	\$2 779
Catholic -	\$4 520
Private -	\$7 195

Primary:

Government -	\$ 5 536
Catholic -	\$ 7 442
Private -	\$13 130

Secondary:

Government -	\$ 5 938
Catholic -	\$12 144
Private -	\$22 436

These figures cover Australia and are averages, obviously some will be lower and others higher.

I believe that the costs would cover school uniforms and stationery. It would be interesting to survey our school community to compare their experiences with the above.



Quality Teaching and Learning


BARRY STARKEY (PRINCIPAL)



EARLY YEARS NEWS

RAINFOREST COLLAGE DRAMA FOR PREP STUDENTS

Year 9 students from Ferny Grove State High School will be sharing their drama collage presentation to our Prep students on Monday, 16 March.



FLICK THE SWITCH FOR EARTH HOUR

For one hour, from 8.30pm to 9.30pm, on Saturday, 28 March the whole of Australia is being asked to 'flick the switch' for Earth Hour.

Earth Hour, the World Wildlife Fund's global environmental initiative, aims to raise awareness of the climate change issue and makes it possible for individuals to take action and reduce greenhouse emissions. It is a global call to action to every individual, every business and every community – a call to stand up, to take responsibility and to get involved in working towards a sustainable future.

All households are encouraged to participate by switching out their lights and turning off non-essential electrical appliances. It is important to register your participation on the Earth Hour website in order to make your action count.

For more information on how to register and how to participate visit www.earthhour.org/

It's a fantastic way to support your child's creative development and also gain a special keepsake.

DISTRICT LITERACY TRAINING FOR TEACHERS

This week Mr Fraser, Mrs Donnet, Mrs Edds, Mrs Begg, Mr Thorpe, Mrs Evans, Mrs Reid, Mrs O'Gorman, Mrs Paige and Mr Cooke will attend training.

CLASS PARENT REPS PROGRAM (CPRS)

The next Class Parent Rep's Meeting is to be held next Wednesday, 18 March from 2.00pm in the staffroom. CPRs please email agenda items to Paul Cooke by this Friday, 13 March.

Paul Cooke
Deputy Principal

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TELEPHONE TREE FORMS



Completed Telephone Tree forms are required from those wishing to be contacted before school if senior band or senior string early morning rehearsals are cancelled due to illness. If you wish to be included on the Telephone tree the forms must be at the office by Friday as these will be compiled by next week.

Belinda Evans
Deputy Principal

DEFENCE NEWS



The Defence Afternoon Tea is taking place tomorrow, in the school hall, from 1:50pm to 2:45pm.

Come along and have a cuppa. This is a great opportunity for our defence families to meet one another from all services. I hope to see you there.

For the rest of this term I will be working two days a week, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. I know there are a few families who have been disrupted by last minute courses and deployments.

If you have any concerns about your children, please drop me an email. The office staff also inform me if a child is in need of assistance. Please be assured that I will see your child.

That's it for this week, take care.

Marilyn Young
Defence School Transition Aide
myoun178@eq.edu.au



RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

BOOK FAIR — LAST DAYS!

Book Fair finishes at 8.45 am **TOMORROW THURSDAY 12 MARCH.**

Don't miss out.
Pay by cash, cheque or credit card.
See you there!

Happy reading
Patti Donnet



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.

LOST PROPERTY

Lost property has again reached overflow proportions.

There are jumpers from winter, and towels and swimmers from this term, as well as numerous lunchboxes and drink bottles.

Please come and check for your child's lost property, which is accumulating

Unfortunately most of these items are **not named**, which makes tracking down owners impossible.

There is a considerable dollar value invested in your children's belongings.

We hope you will search through the overflowing bins and reclaim your lost items.



DATE CLAIMERS: The National Assessment Program in Literacy & Numeracy (NAPLAN)

The National Assessment Program Literacy & Numeracy will involve all Year 3, 5 and 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

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.

GOTCHAS:

Well Done!

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

- Lizzie C 1GH
- Tanae D 3S
- Ashlee D 3A
- Bailey B 3H
- Isabelle C 4S
- Taylah K 4K
- Shania W 4L
- Jazmin B 6O
- Emily H 6P
- Raven S 7M



STORM COUNSELLING

Many forms were returned without the do give / do not give permission options checked. In these instances the children were not counselled.

If you feel that your child might have benefited from counselling please contact Judy at the school office on 07 3550 5333 to make arrangements for an appointment for your child.

YEAR 7 CAMP

In Week 4, the Year 7s went to Lake Ainsworth for our school camp. Lake Ainsworth is located not far from Brisbane in northern New South Wales. The bus trip took **two and a half hours!!!** In the end the long drive was definitely worth it.

We were divided into 4 groups, Occys, Sharks, Dolphins and my group, Whales.



We participated in four activities: Sailing, High Ropes, a Cook Out and Initiative Games. One of the groups missed out on Sailing because it was raining, although the Whales still did High Ropes in the rain.

All of the activities were interesting and we learnt many things such as the value of listening and working together.

The food was yummy and we all had a great time - at least I did!!! I hope the students who go next year have as much fun!!!

Penelope Rogers

CLASSROOM NOTICES



- Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser
- CPR Letters
- Prep - Easter Bilby
- 7S Info Evening
- 1T Parent note

FERNY HILLS TENNIS CENTRE COMES TO FERNY GROVE STATE SCHOOL

Places are still available for children to join tennis lessons at the Ferny Grove school courts before school. Tammara Trevithick our resident tennis coach from Ferny Hills Tennis centre hold lessons every Wednesday morning starting at 7.45am til 8.30am.

A free tennis racquet is included for every new pupil to keep. To take advantage of this special offer please call the Ferny Hills Tennis Centre direct on 3851 0444.

Also our Player of the Week award is gathering momentum and great excitement as we will be attending the assembly at school! Each fortnight two tennis pupils who put in a great effort and are improving their skills at tennis are awarded with a certificate and prize pack to take home.

Happy Hitting- We Look forward to seeing you at the Courts!!

ADULT FOREIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES

Adult Foreign Language Classes are being offered at Ferny Grove State High School.



These classes are being taught by highly qualified language teachers. Available languages are German, Russian, Spanish, Italian, French and Latin.

For further information regarding times, registration and cost, please contact Fiona Hudghton 07-35505804 or fhudg1@eq.edu.au



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:

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FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS



Thu 12 Mar	• Defence – Afternoon Tea
Fri 13 Mar	• EARLY YEARS ASSEMBLY • Yr.2 F.G. Shopping Centre Tour
Mon 16 Mar	• Senior Parade • Leadership Camp
Tue 17 Mar	• Leadership Camp (School Captains)
Wed 18 Mar	• CPR Mtg. 2.00 pm • P & C Mtg. 7.30 pm

\$\$\$ MONEY BOX PAYMENTS \$\$\$ TUES, WED & THURS ONLY

Class and Activity	Date of Activity	Cost	Latest date to pay
ICT Contribution		\$35.00	
ART Contribution		\$10.00	
R. E. Contribution		\$3.00	
Prep Easter Bilby	25,26 Mar	\$17.00	19 Mar
Yr.2 Restaurant	19 Mar	\$6.00	12 Mar
Yr.3 Cool Comp.	24 Mar	\$6.00	19 Mar
Yr.4 Mt. Coot- tha	Mar/Apr	\$6.00	ASAP
Yr.5 Camp	25 Mar	\$175	17 Mar
Yr.6 Camp	6 April	\$265	26 Mar
Yr.7 Planetarium	8 Apr	\$235	2 April

Would you like your Newsflash delivered using 21st Century 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.**



**PARENT
ACTIVITY GROUP
2009 STATE
ELECTION**

PAG is holding a Sausage Sizzle and cake stall in front of

the hall on Election Day, Saturday, 21 March 2009.

If you are a chef extraordinaire we would love your fresh home baked cakes, cookies and cup cakes.

Please

label them with ingredients and the cakes name and deliver them to the Hall Canteen on Friday, 20th March between 8.00am and 9.00am or in the afternoon between 2.30pm and 3.30pm.

If you can help us on Saturday with a little of your time that would be greatly appreciated also.

For further information please call **Allison Exley on 0423 662 997** or **Fiona Deegan on 0419 690 996**

ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT:

After the raging success of the 2008 Trivia Night we have decided to hold it again this year but will bring the date forward to 23 May, 2009.



Tickets will be available for sale prior to the night. If you think you might be able to assist in anyway please don't hesitate to contact us. Start organising your team.

We are currently taking suggestions for a theme for the night. Please contact Allison if you have any suggestions on how we can improve on last year's night.

Allison Exley 0423 662 997



STATIONERY STORE:

OPENING HOURS:

Monday and Friday 8 – 9 am. Requested tax receipts now available for collection.

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

UNIFORM STORE

Mon and Fri 8.00 am -9.00 am



Yr.7 Polo shirts have been delivered.

Please Note:

DO NOT IRON THE PRINTED SURFACES

Back in stock:

- * Striped shirts, sizes 6 and 10
- * Polos, sizes 6, 8,10
- * Rugby shorts, sizes 8,10,12
- * Skorts, sizes 6 and 8
- * Bucket Hat, medium

**Christine Thompson, Convenor
0400 223 818**

Date	Tuckshop Roster 
Thu 12 Mar	Juanita Akenson
Fri 13 Mar	Vicki HELP DESPERATELY NEEDED
Mon 16 Mar	Jane McClintock
Tue 17 Mar	Kellee Giles
Wed 18 Mar	Donna Little
Thu 19 Mar	Cheryl Boyd



Ferry Grove State High School

is expecting a number of international students in the coming months and we are now looking for caring homestay families for them.

Our requirements are a single, fully-furnished bedroom, all meals and internet access provided and easy access to Ferry Grove and Mitchelton State High Schools.

In return, homestay families will receive a weekly payment of \$230 to cover their expenses.

If you are interested in learning about the world in the comfort of your own home, please contact

**Gabi Simon,
Homestay Co-ordinator
3550 5819 (office hours) or
0448 685 915 (mobile)
e-mail gsmo15@eq.edu.au**

COMMUNITY NEWS

KIDS CLUB

'Kids Club' is an activity of the Hills Uniting Church for kids in Yrs. 2 to 6. The group meets every Thursday evening (for 6 weeks each term) from 5.30 p.m. – 7.30 p.m. at the Church Hall in Arana Hills.

It offers children a safe and fun environment where they can socialize with others and learn about God.



Activities include games, craft and Christian learning. Dinner is provided. Cost - \$3 a child or \$5 a family per session.

If you would like to join this group or would like to know more please call

Reza Razik - 3851 0527



BRISBANE NORTH CENTRAL and WEST DISTRICTS PARENT EDUCATION CENTRE

Referrals for the 2009 Management of Young Children Program(2^{1/2} - 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.



RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER ELECTRONICALLY

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

P & C NOTICEBOARD — next meeting Wednesday 18 MARCH 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**