

Ferny Grove Newsflash



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A WORD (OR TWO) FROM THE PRINCIPAL



GREAT NEWS

Our application for funding from the Federal Government through the 'Building an Education Revolution' (BER) has been successful. The two projects are the expansion of the current school library and the completion of the hall. The grant is for \$3 million which includes all planning costs and a contingency.

The proposal for **Project 1** involves doubling the size of the current library. It requires extensions to both the eastern and western ends with both approximately 5 metres beyond the current width. It includes an outdoor learning area (deck) that will run the length of the current library. The final design will be decided after extensive consultation with the project managers and architects.

Project 2 will complete the hall with a performance area used as a stage when opened. The concept is to use the space left for this purpose on the western end which will be roofed, a platform built and the front enclosed with central moveable walls across half of the width to open when used as a stage. At other times it will be a separate space for such things as band rehearsals, choral practices and year level or class activities. The area is 40% of the size of the current hall. While there will be some permanent fixtures for such things as sound and lights plus some props, most will be open usable space. I would hope that sound proofing will allow a noisy activity in the hall without it disturbing the group in this new area. The space under the 'stage' will be used for storage for chairs and tables, etc. The shed that was placed there will be relocated and continue as a storage area for classroom furniture and other bulky items.

I have added another space onto this new area for a music room. If there are sufficient funds within the budget, it will be included. It will require the removal of the demountable now used for music. This will be moved to the McGinn Road side adjacent to the old school. 'Temporarily', it may be used by the P & C for shops, record storage and an office. While it will still show on records as classroom spaces, it will probably be some years before it is required.

Both the above projects have been on the wish list for some time. There have been lengthy discussions about the library. The hall completion was in the initial planning. A performance area was included plus cover the concrete floor but this was not completed as there weren't sufficient finances. The hall project, I believe, started in 1997 or 1998. The hall was constructed in 2000. As an aside, the P & C will repay the hall loan next year.

Both these projects will be beneficial providing learning opportunities for the entire student population now and in the future.

I met with a project manager on Monday 15 June for initial talks. I believe there is a target for completion early next year.

PREP OUTDOOR LEARNING AREA

This Federally funded project is well into the planning stage. The outdoor area adjacent to Prep V and W will be removed. We will lose some trees to accommodate the new play space. The draft drawings are to be considered. There is a total budget of \$200 000. Around \$9 000 has been earmarked for carpet, in Block E and H as only half were replaced due to storm damage, with the rest for the playground. Management, architects and other fees are covered from this amount. Every effort is being made to assist so that funds that could be used for the construction are maximised by helping with planning and limiting changes that require redrafting and re quoting. This project is to be completed by December 2009.

This has been on the 'Wish List' for some time and will greatly enhance the learning opportunities for the children in Prep.

LIBRARY OF THE 21ST CENTURY

Teacher-Librarian, Mrs. Patti Donnet and I attended a workshop last week. We gained valuable information which will assist us with the initial design of the new library. While generally on the right path, there were a number of ideas we discovered that will greatly enhance this facility.

THANK YOU TO MIKE JACKSON

Thanks to the funds raised by Mike, reading kits that were going to be purchased in 2010 will be obtained now. They are for the lower school and were very much desired but were not included in the English budget when it was formed in November 2008 and it couldn't be 'scraped' up from that cost centre or others raided. With kits costing over \$400 each, it is not a small amount to 'find' as an extra.

Thanks to Mike we will purchase 3 Kits plus other materials.



B. Starkey
BARRY STARKEY (PRINCIPAL)



EARLY YEARS NEWS

TERM 2: LOOKING AHEAD

Wed, 24 June P– 3 Sports Day

SCHOOL RECOMMENCES after the vacation on Tuesday 14 July 2009

Paul Cooke
Deputy Principal

list please ask at the office for another copy.

Thank you to Mrs Ellen Pickett for kindly offering to collate and type up the list for 2009.

Belinda Evans
Deputy Principal

RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS



A reminder that this is the last week for borrowing this term. All Library books are due this **Friday 19 June**. Please have a big hunt around for any missing books.

Happy reading
Patti Donnet

EDUCATION WEEK COMPETITION

The Education Week Competition was drawn on parade on Monday. The following children's completed and correct competition entry forms were drawn. Each child won a \$25 gift voucher from Angus and Robertson. Congratulations to :

Declan Batchelor 1GH
Shaelie Payne 2H
Ella Randolph - Davis 4S
Madeline Cooper 7H

Thank you to all participating students and all parents who supported our Education Week festivities and attended the Open Classrooms and /or World of Maths functions.

LAST WEEK, TERM 2, STRINGS REHEARSALS/ LESSONS

Senior Strings students will be required to assemble at the hall for a 7:30am rehearsal on Monday 22 June as the children are performing on parade that day. Mrs Seneviratne is attending the high school music camp that week. Therefore there will be no lessons nor rehearsals on Tuesday 23 June.

LAST WEEK, TERM 2, BRASS, WOODWIND, PERCUSSION REHEARSALS/ LESSONS

Brass, percussion and woodwind lessons take place as usual for the last week of term. Junior and Senior band rehearsals are also as usual .



JUNIOR BAND TELEPHONE TREE

The Junior Band Telephone tree went home a few weeks ago. Many of these may still be sitting in children's music folders and need to be handed to all parents. If you have not received yours and you requested to be on the

PREP ENROLMENTS

If you have a child ready for Prep 2010, please call the office to enrol. All new students are to enrol for the beginning of 2010. Call the office now 3550 5333.

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

To all the families who have been disrupted by the current exercises up North, I hope you are all holding up well. If you are worried about your children at this time, please contact me as soon as you can.

Could you please check your emails and school bags on Thursday for a note that is coming home about *Student Absences*. This is a very important letter and one that will be very pertinent to us during this rotational deployment cycle.

For the soldiers who are currently overseas, or away from their families, do take care and know that you are never far from the thoughts of your children. That's it for this week, stay safe.

Marilyn Young DSTA
myoun178@eq.edu.au

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

The program for the day is:

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 tabloid sports 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 must apply sunscreen.



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



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.



STUDENT OF THE MONTH AWARDS

Mike Jackson and Mr. Starkey presented the students with their awards at Monday's assembly.

Proudly receiving their certificates were:

- Prep V **Nikia B**
- 1GH **Jade K**
- 2C **Ruby McL**
- 3K **Kristen A**
- 4L **Kaitlan M**
- 5E **Cherry W**
- 6T **Elyse McM (absent - at Advanced Music Camp)**
- 7S **Karina R**



HELP!! Make the Athletics Carnival a Success

Your help is required! 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 near.

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.

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

Kent Rainbow Phys Ed. Specialist

GOTCHAS: Well Done!

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

- Ava 1T; Kydon S 1T;
- Kydan 1T; Shaelie 2H;
- Jessie 2H; Julia 3A;
- Stephanie 3A



YEAR 6 NEWS

On Wednesday 27 May as part of our Super Sleuths unit, **Crime Scene Officer, Sloane Hamilton** (Jemma Woodrow's aunt), visited Year 6.

We learnt how to lift finger prints and identify tyre tracks and foot prints. Investigating a crime scene and looking for clues made us feel like real CSI detectives. Of course we also had a lot of fun and were glad to have this experience.

A big thanks goes to Jemma's mum for organising this special day and of course to Sloane herself for coming on her day off.

by Jaimyn 6O and Dylan 6K.



" 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 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

COOKIE DOUGH

Orders can be collected from the **HALL** on Wednesday, 24 June (Junior Sports Day). The buckets will not arrive at school until 10am. We will need time to sort the orders, so please do not collect until after 1pm.

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL FUNDRAISING AND LOOK FABULOUS AS WELL



ProfessioNail Brookside will donate 10% of total sales to the Ferny 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

TUCKSHOP NEWS

A quick plea for more help.

If you've been sitting on the fence about coming in and giving a hand then **I NEED YOU!**

Please don't assume that as we are a big school that someone else will step forward. I'd like to make more nutritious, healthful food for your kids, but this takes time. Unless volunteer numbers improve services will be affected, something we'd all like to avoid, I'm sure!

Please, pop in any time you can, all help is gratefully accepted.

If you can't then:

- Try to utilise flexischools online ordering
- Ensure all bags are: named with grades; have hot things **only** on hot bags and everything else on cold bags
- **No** sticky taped or written on envelopes — get your kids to write out their own bags at the tuckshop.

Deb Cheers, Convenor
3550 4361 mob 0423 539 846

Date	Tuckshop Roster
Thu 18 June	Cheryl Boyd, HELP
Fri 19 June	Shirabdi Gordon, Kellee Gyles, Julie Haslam, HELP
Mon 22 June	Sue Ripper
Tue 23 June	HELP NEEDED !!!
Wed 24 June	Nicole Wall, Donna Bassett
Thu 25 June	Nicole Wall, Donna Bassett
Fri 26 June	Debbie Beyer, Julie Haslam, Katrina Collins, HELP
	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Tue 14 July	HELP NEEDED !!!

CPR FAMILY PICNIC AND PLAY

Families of **Prep C** and **Prep K** are invited to come along to Upper Kedron Reserve on Sunday, 12 July at 1.00pm for afternoon tea and play in the park (weather permitting). Please BYO afternoon tea.

Melissa Cowley
(Prep C)



COMMUNITY NEWS

CONSIDERED VOLUNTEERING?

Parent Aides of the Royal Children's Hospital visit families in their homes to provide parenting, social and emotional support and assistance.

Do you:

- ✦ Have a willingness to commit to families who find parenting challenging?
- ✦ Have a car, phone and spare time?
- ✦ Enjoy working in a supportive team?

If so, call Sharon at the Parent Aide unit on 07 3636 7524 for further information.



JUNIOR TOUCH FOOTBALL COMPETITION

What: Brisbane's best Junior Touch Football Competition

Where: Wests Mitchelton Leagues Club, Prospect Tce Gaythorne

When: Thursday afternoons
(New Season Starts July 2009)

Who: All children aged 8 - 16yrs
All levels of touch experience supported—even those just starting.

How: Nominate as an individual or a team online: www.citytouch.com.au

For more information call:

Jodanna Robinson
Competition Manager
3275 2077
juniors@citytouch.com.au

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.



ALERT - CONTACT DETAILS

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

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 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

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