

Ferny Grove Newsflash



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A WORD (OR TWO) FROM THE PRINCIPAL



BUSINESSES OF LIFE

During the last fortnight, there have been a number of school events that parents have attended. Given that 'school' is only a fraction of a parent's life, this is a significant sacrifice of an individual's 'spare' time. Thank you to everyone who has attended various events including the parents attending the 'Get Set for Prep'. I would like to especially single out the executive of the P & C and the subcommittees. Without these volunteers, all students at our school would not enjoy the same level of facilities and activities that they now do. Also, all parents are supported through various things such as the Uniform Shop. Imagine how much harder it would be if uniforms had to be purchased from various outlets away from the school site?

Listening to the summary in the presentation to the new Prep parents, it is a good reminder of the real contribution. This is not a closed group and anyone can come forward and assist. Also all meetings are open to all parents so everyone can have an input into the direction the P & C takes. I know that volunteers in any area, including those willing to serve on the executives of the P & C and subcommittees, to helpers in the tuckshop to those helping in one-off events would be welcomed with open arms. There is a P & C Meeting the night of the distribution of this Newsflash and it is a chance to have an input and the only place that a parent can make a difference to policy and procedures.

Looking at my weekly calendar, I note two meetings I'm at that the Exec of the P & C will attend, another night with a parental group some may be at as well which is three nights in my count. I have another afternoon/evening working on school matters with a few non-parent people so they won't be at that. However, it is a considerable contribution and I urge all parents to be part of the team, even in a small way, to help make your child's schooling better.

NEW PREP PLAYGROUND

By the time that this goes out, I hope that I have solved the problems around this project. As parents will be aware from many previous writings, funds were provided to schools for certain projects to improve the learning environment. The funds don't sit in the school but the budget is real. This project was approved and planning commenced. Last week the project team finally (I was hoping for quicker progress which may have been unfair) came up with costs as tenders were received for the playground as requested by us with a huge input from current Prep teachers plus Paul Cooke and myself.

The lowest tender was almost \$60 000 above available Commonwealth Funds and this didn't include the shade over the playground equipment or covers for the sandpits. The latter two to be funded by PAG using funds that were being initially gathered to improve library facilities which will now be addressed by the larger grants.

The major problem is to complete the playground in a way that will allow for the 'extras' to be done at a later date and not create a situation where it can't be improved except at huge cost. I believe that extra funds from school sources will be essential if the last situation is to be avoided. I can find items to around \$15 000 in facilities that can be left. I'll be having discussions with the P & C and going through the school accounts to find funds and maybe defer some purchases.

This is a facility that will be here for many years and we don't want to leave future generations of students with a facility that has to be demolished to complete it. It will take some doing. I'm confident it can be done if there is support from all parts of the school community.


BARRY STARKEY (PRINCIPAL)



EARLY YEARS NEWS

LOOKING AHEAD

Wed 28 Oct

Year 2 Focus on Ferny Local Community walk

Fri 30 Oct

World Teachers Day

STUDENT FREE DAY

The professional learning for teachers and opportunities for quality reflection and professional conversations involved staff at Ferny Grove SS on the Monday Student Free Day in reflection on Year 3, 5 & 7 NAPLAN data.

The following teachers shared aspects gleaned from attendance at recent professional development: Carol O'Gorman shared aspects of functional grammar: field, tenor & mode; Anne Low shared hands on ideas from having attended the "Do It Yourself" Science afternoon; and Elyse Skippen shared some maths activities and the "Big Questions" to open children's thinking.

Teachers were then given times to commence Term 4 Report Cards and review & renew Year Level Overviews for 2010.

Paul Cooke
Deputy Principal

UNSW TESTS

The following students achieved High Distinctions, Distinctions and Credits in the UNSW English, Maths and Computer tests recently. Congratulations to all who participated.

COMPUTER

DISTINCTION

Yr. 7: Ashley Teys



ENGLISH

HIGH DISTINCTION

YR. 5: Sarah Austen, Madison Chinn

DISTINCTION

Yr. 4: Angus Cleary, Sanjay Razik

Yr. 5: Axel Staunton, Cherry Wang

Yr. 6: Susanna McClintock, Jalyne Olliffe, Naveen Razik

YR. 7: Tom Marr, Callum Mulvey

CREDITS

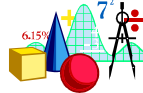
Yr. 4: Lauren Scofield, Alexander Greig, Imogen Daley, Isabelle Conran, Queenie Coombes

Yr. 5: Keegan Mayer-Love, Connor Baird, Katelyn Goopy, Rachel Sansome

Yr. 6: Nicole Geuthner, Ruby Coombes, Kyle Elliot, Renata Gordon, Isabella Hall, Miriam Jarjees, Rebecca Leader, Bailey Marsland, Jaimyn Mayer-Love

Yr. 7: Jack Hendy, Daniel Forrest, Antonia Daley

MATHS



HIGH DISTINCTION

Yr. 5: Cherry Wang

Yr. 6: Renata Gordon

DISTINCTION

Yr. 4: Skylar Sansome, Courtney Stevenson

Yr. 5: Sarah Austen, Eamon Elder

Yr. 6: Kyle Elliot, Rebecca Leader, Naveen Razik

Yr. 7: Jack Hendy

CREDITS

Yr. 4: Tristan Sloots, Samantha Keith, Courtney Irving, Damian Gomez

Yr. 5: Connor Baird, Rachel Sansome, Amy Snyders, Madison Young, Keegan Mayer-Love, Reece Southall

Yr. 6: Rini Ripper, Riley Barrett, Samuel Cash, Mitchell Gyles, Isabella Hall, Miriam Jarjees, Liam Jenkins, Jaimyn Mayer-Love, Bill McLaren, Sreeja Nair, Jalyne Olliffe, Dylan Reid, Megan Rogers

Yr. 7: Ben Clarke, Bianca Elder

Gary Kirby
Acting Deputy Principal

IF LEAVING FERNY GROVE IN 2010 (PREP - YEAR 6)

Please advise the school office staff by telephoning 3550-5333.

This information will assist us in effectively organising classes for 2010. Your advice **by 30 October** will be appreciated.



STUDENT INFORMATION TO ASSIST CLASS PLACEMENTS FOR 2010

If you would like to share some specific information regarding your child to assist us in making class placements for 2010, a form can be collected from the school office. Please do not assume that all information you may have shared in previous years will be remembered. Please do not ask for specific teachers as there is no guarantee that they will be teaching the year level next year. This form must be returned to the school office by **Friday, 30 October**.

SWIMMING IN TERM 4



Swimming is at Grovely SS pool. Years 1 & 2 lessons are on Mondays.

Preps & Year 4s are on Wednesdays. Please assist your child to bring each week: togs, sun safe shirt, towel, bathing cap (available from Uniform Store) and sunscreen.

Please **put your child's name on all items** taken to swimming, including underwear, socks & school uniform. This helps staff find owners of "lost" clothing.

WORLD TEACHERS DAY: FRIDAY, 30 OCTOBER



On Friday, 30 October in Queensland we celebrate World Teacher's Day. Teachers do matter and make a difference in the lives of students.

I invite you to celebrate teachers' efforts, achievements, talents, commitment, dedication, inspiration and the efforts they make to help your children.

Some links are:

<http://www.globaleducation.edna.edu.au/globaled/noticeboards?nbpath=4882,723852>

<http://www.trb.tas.gov.au/WTD09.htm>

http://trb.tas.gov.au/Governor-General%20message_WTD_2008.pdf

Paul Cooke
Deputy Principal

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.

**FORTHCOMING
ATTRACTIONS** 

Wed 21 Oct	• 7.30 pm P & C Mtg.
Thu 22 Oct	• 5T Parliament House
Fri 23 Oct	• 8.45 am Early Years Assembly • Yr. 4 Raw Art
Mon 26 Oct	• 7.30 Aus Kick • 5CJ Parliament House Visit • 8.45 am Senior Parade • Senior Band Music Fest
Tue 27 Oct	• Junior Band Music Fest
Wed 28 Oct	• Yr. 2 Excursion “Focus on Ferny”
Fri 30 Oct	• 8.45 am Early Years Assembly • World Teachers Day • School Book Fair commences
Wed 11 Nov	• REMEMBRANCE DAY • 10.30 am Service in the school hall

SUN SAFETY



Just a reminder that as we are a sunsafe school it is important that all children have a broad brimmed hat to wear at school.

Baseball caps are not a suitable alternative.

This is an important safety issue for our students.

Without a hat they are not allowed to be in the playground during breaks.

Gary Kirby
Acting Deputy Principal



RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

The Book Fair for Term 4 will take place in the Music Room from **Friday 30 October** to the morning of **Thursday 5 November**.

The opening times are:
8.00 - 8.40 am
3.00 - 3.30 am

Etpos will available. Please take advantage of this opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts and help the school at the same time.

All profits from the fair will be used to purchase valuable resources. **Please note:** the leaflet coming home has the incorrect day for the end of the Book Fair. The correct day is Thursday.

Jane Brown
Acting Resource Manager

FERNY HILLS TENNIS COACHING



The winning team gets to play in the finals against the Gap District at the State Tennis Centre on 29 Nov. Ferny Grove is certainly in the running to win the Green division at this point in time.

HOTSHOTS Nth West INTER-SCHOOLS TENNIS CHALLENGE CUP Points Ladder

SCHOOL	TOTAL
YR 2 & 3 RED DIVISION	
SAMFORD	9
ST WILLIAMS	7
ST ANDREWS	7
FERNY GROVE	5
PATRICKS RD	5
FERNY HILLS	3
YR 4 & 5 ORANGE DIVISION	
SAMFORD	9
ST WILLIAMS	7
FERNY HILLS	7
ST ANDREWS	5
PATRICKS RD	5
FERNY GROVE	3
YR 6 & 7 GREEN DIVISION	
ST ANDREWS	9
SAMFORD	7
FERNY GROVE	7
PATRICKS RD	5
ST WILLIAMS	5
FERNY HILLS	3



DEFENCE NEWS

If you need to see me I will be available in the under-cover / tuckshop area from 8:15 - 8:30 Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Or you can email me dmcma43@eq.edu.au.

I also will be holding courtyard games for Defence children on Tuesdays as well as courtyard games on Wednesdays for the whole school and will be on playground duty on Thursdays.

Come and play a game or stop for a chat.

If you have any information re forthcoming deployment that you wish to share please let us know, so that we can offer support to your children

Thank you

Danya McMahon
D.S.T.A



Ferny Grove State School Thinker's Challenge



'What if there were no teachers?'

Write/draw as many responses to this question as you can.

Don't forget to be creative!

Entries close **Thursday, 22 Oct.**

DEAR PARENTS / CAREGIVERS OF FERNY GROVE STATE SCHOOL

Thanks for your support! In 2009 to date we have raised **\$14,188.12** through the following activities:

Election Day Sausage Sizzle/Cake Stall ; Entertainment Books; Mother's Day Stall; May Sausage Sizzle; Trivia Night; Cookie Dough; Hot Cross Buns; Sports Day Canteens; Father's Day Stall; Medieval Day - Soup Night;

Plus coming in 4th Term:

2010 Calendars – on order; Shopping Tour – 10 October - completed; Paul Atwood Photography – 14 November; Christmas Carols (Prep-Grade 3).

All of these funds are being directed to shade cover and lockable sandpit covers for our new Prep Playground.



Allison Exley - Chair
PAG Committee
Ferny Grove P & C

AEROBICS

In Term 4 there is a morning session from 7.30-8am in the hall and then fruit 8.00 - 8.15am.

The afternoon sessions have been replaced with sessions during school time for Year 7 classes to give them energy and keep them going until their graduation day!

As the numbers in the afternoon sessions reduced, the offer was made to the school to utilise the grant funds for class time and all Year 7 classes will participate in the last session on Thursdays in the hall.



Shannon Woodrow

FOUND:
Children's glasses left in the toilet block. Blue metallic, rectangular shaped frame. Black cord. "Garfield" brand.



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:
OPENING HOURS:**

Monday & Friday 8 – 9 am.
LAY-BY is now available for 2010 Booklist requirements. **REQUEST FOR HELP** forms can be returned to the Stationery Store or Office. **SPECIALS ON DISCONTINUED STOCK** – great as stocking fillers!

Yr 1 A4 Writing Books
were 65c now 45c
Year 3 Writing Books (9x7)
were 30c now 25c
A4 64pg Feint Ruled Books
were 60c now 40c
A4 96pg Feint Ruled Books
were 80c now 60c
A3 Mesh Pouches
were \$4.10 now \$2.90
96pg Feint Ruled Books (9x7)
were 45c now 30c

Charyl Cowles, Convenor
3550 5359 (0431 265 068)

**OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE
COMMITTEE MEETING**

Wednesday, 11th Nov 2009
7.00 pm

All parents and carers are welcome and encouraged to attend the next OSHC Committee Meeting to be held on 11th November.



On the agenda for the meeting we will be discussing Fees for 2010. Please advise of any agenda items that you may wish to be discussed prior to the meeting to ensure they are on the agenda. Your contribution and participation may be of benefit to your child/ren and others. Lets work together and make it count.

UNIFORM STORE

Mon and Fri 8.00 am - 9.00 am

**Christine Thompson,
Convenor**



0400 223 818

**YEAR 7 PARENT / TEACHER
DINNER**

There are still some vacancies for the dinner on **6 November**, if anyone is still thinking about it.

It is not too late to RSVP, just contact Julie on julie@boxalls.net
Looking forward to a great night.

Julie Boxall

Date	Tuckshop Roster
Thu 22 Oct	Greta Naumann, HELP NEEDED
Fri 23 Oct	Debbie Beyer, Aunty Anne
Mon 26 Oct	Sharlene Rogers
Tue 27 Oct	HELP NEEDED
Wed 28 Oct	Nicole Wall, Donna Bassett
Thu 29 Oct	Juanita Akenson, HELP NEEDED
Fri 30 Oct	Marie Kinshela, Kym Morrison

B.B.C - "FREE 4 ALL"



In cooperation with the Brisbane City Council there will be a **'Free 4 All'** skating and scootering event from **9am to 11am** on 31 October, 28 November, 19 December and 30 January at the Ferny Grove skate park.

All primary school kids are invited to attend and the day is for skate boards and scooters only.

If you love to ride your scooter or skateboard, are sick of the teenagers hogging the parks, hate it when the bikes clutter the bowl and want to learn some cool tricks and win some prizes from the Pro skater that will be attending then 'Free 4 All' is where you need to be.



If you already know how to skate or want to learn but don't have a board there will be helmets and skateboards you can borrow for the morning.

So come on down bring your parents, some protective gear, and all your tricks and be ready to ride like a pro. For more details call **3407 8109** or visit www.visibleink.org.

**AQUATIC WONDERS
SWIM SCHOOLS**



is looking for swimming teachers We are very keen to engage some very keen and enthusiastic swimming teachers.

Call Brett Glister for more information.
Telephones: 0418 775804 or 61 7 33004174 Fax : 33004799
Email: pacports@bigpond.net.au

COMMUNITY NEWS

**FUNDRAISER -
PAUL ATTWOOD
PHOTOGRAPHICS**



Paul Attwood is again offering great deals to the school community for family portraits.

For just \$15.00 you will receive a framed 25.3cm x 33cm portrait. This \$15.00 is given to the school, plus a commission from each sale. Packages start at \$85.00 for up to 9 various sized prints.

DATE: Saturday 14 November
From 9.00 am

**** BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
** PAYMENT is required at
the time of booking.**

To book an appointment please call Christine Thompson, on **0400 223 818** or call in at the Uniform Store on Monday or Friday from 8.00 - 9.00 am.

BOOK EARLY to be sure of an appointment!

Money may be left at the office in an envelope marked Paul Attwood Photographic with your money and the tear off slip from the brochure inside.

Brochures have been sent home with this Newsflash. Spares may be collected from the office.

YOUR FAMILY MAY QUALIFY

Ever considered becoming a Foster Care Family?

Lifeline Community Care Queensland is seeking registrations of interest from families who would like to participate in their Foster Care program for children with a disability. This is a great opportunity to make a significant difference in the life of a precious child with a disability. For more information, please go to:

www.fostercare.applynow.com.au

You will gain as much as your Foster Child! If you require any further information, please contact me and I will be pleased to assist.

Yours with thanks, **Richard Paterson
Employment Office
1300 366 573**



P & C NOTICEBOARD - Next meeting Wednesday 21 October

Tuckshop – 3550 5361 Uniform Store - 3550 5342 Stationery Store – 3550 5359 OSHC
Mon-Fri 8.30-12.00 pm Mon and Fri 8.00 - 9.00 am Mon and Fri 8.00 - 9.00 am Gail 3851 2196