

# Ferny Grove Newsflash



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## A WORD (OR TWO) FROM THE PRINCIPAL



### WELCOME BACK

This is a 10 week term which has many special events. I extend a special welcome to new families that have joined our school community this term. I know that the students and their families will be assisted and I thank parents and fellow students for their kindness.

### STAFF NEWS

#### Bereavement

Sadly, during the holidays, our Deputy Belinda Evans' mother passed away. I'm sure parents will join with me and staff in our thoughts and support for Belinda. While her mum had been unwell, her passing was quite sudden. Belinda will be taking a few days to attend to matters.

#### Replacements

I'm pleased to announce that Kerry Hattwell's contract has been extended and she will continue on Year 3 replacing Andrew Nesbitt who is still on sick leave. It is most likely that this arrangement will be in place for all 2009.

Renee Palmen is continuing on sick leave until the end of the term and it is pleasing that Jenny Grant has accepted a contract so that continuity will be maintained with the class.

Jamie Tanner will continue with Liz Connors class. Liz is on sick leave until the end of term.

Two of our teachers, Trish Lyons and Jenny Morrison, are enjoying long service leave and have been replaced by Tara Klassen and Leanne Reid for the term.

I know that these teachers will do a fine job with these classes and ask parents to make themselves known to them and offer their support in making the teachers welcome.

### TERM EVENTS

Please refer to the calendar for a list of events that your children may be involved in. Some of the major activities affecting a number of students are:

- Special Weeks \* Science \* Education \* Under 8's \* Maths
- Senior Instrumental Music camp
- Prep – Year 3 Sports' Day \* Yr 4 – 7 Interhouse Sports
- Yr 3, 5 & 7 Naplan Tests
- Family planning Sessions for Years 5, 6 & 7
- Interschool Friday Winter Sports for Years 5 – 7
- QYMA Music Competitions for Choirs, Concert Bands and Strings
- UNSW Computer Test
- House, District & Regional Cross Country

There are a number of excursions for various year levels. While these will appear on the term bulk bill which is provided for parents' convenience, I suggest that parents refer to the calendar for the dates of these and the activities listed above.

I look forward to a busy term with many enjoyable special events for our students.

### USING LANGUAGE CREATIVELY

Literacy involves using language to communicate effectively and to make meaning and sense of the world.

Sometimes we are required to interpret and use language creatively, where words and phrases might be used in unexpected and unfamiliar ways.

There are many ideas you can try to encourage your child to use language creatively. These include:

- describing people, places, events and objects in unusual and unexpected ways, as is done in poetry, plays, cartoons and videos
- locating ways in which other speakers and writers use language in creative ways, for example, puns and word plays in TV and magazine advertisements, rhyming and

repeated sounds in picture books and reading the by-lines and captions in newspapers

- discussing favourite sayings and creating new ones together
- sharing a love of language by talking about how language is used in different contexts and situations. Talk about your favourite poems, plays and stories and discuss with your child what you like about the author's style.



  
BARRY STARKEY (PRINCIPAL)



### EARLY YEARS NEWS

#### STUDENTS: NOMINATE YOUR FAVOURITE TEACHER



Students are now able to tell us all about what makes their teacher so special with the **My Favourite Teacher** program. This year, students are asked to nominate a teacher who has inspired them to become more creative as part of the Year of Creativity.

Students are encouraged to nominate their favourite teacher via the Education Department's website:

[www.education.qld.gov.au/community/events/edweek/favteacher/](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/community/events/edweek/favteacher/)

Students need to write in 25 words or less why their favourite teacher is so special. Parents of younger children are encouraged to give them a hand.

Entries close on **8 May** and the winning teachers will be announced during State Education Week, to be held from 1 – 5 June.

**Paul Cooke**  
*Deputy Principal*

#### ANZAC PARADE

Please join our school community for the ANZAC assembly to be held on Friday 24 April, commencing at 8.50 am in the school hall.

This occasion is a memorable annual event for our school and we hope you can join us.

#### ANZAC Parade SPECIAL SENIOR BAND PERFORMANCE Friday 24 April

Children are required to bring their instruments and wear their band uniform as they are playing the National Anthem at the ANZAC Parade.

Children are to meet Mrs Miller at 8:20am at the hall to set up.

**Belinda Evans**  
*Deputy Principal*

#### ANZAC BADGES on SALE



Badges - \$1.00 each will be on sale this week at school.

### TELSTRA KIDS GRANT

\$1 200 is up for grabs for the school to obtain resources to assist the students. The Telstra Kids Fund gives grants to employees of Telstra or to a close relative to benefit an organisation your child is involved in.

There are many items on the school's wish list e.g. resources for early years, arts program, musical instruments, sports items, etc.

If you can assist FGSS, please contact Shannon on 3851 1312 or email: [swoodrow@bigpond.net.au](mailto:swoodrow@bigpond.net.au)

The application opens in late April and we have a better chance the earlier we apply.



### RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

From this term, **ALL** students will require a library bag for the safe keeping of their library books.

A number of books have recently been returned suffering from water damage or smelly mould and the books have been complaining to me bitterly about their treatment.

So, students in Years 4 to 7, see if you can find your old blue library bag. If you can't, then a cloth one will do, but have it ready for borrowing from Week 1 of Term 2.



*Happy reading*  
**Patti Donnet**

### STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

The Student Council is holding a Free Dress Day.

**When: Thursday, 23 April.**

A gold coin donation is required and all proceeds will go towards the "Special Children's Charity".

**Anne Low**  
*for The Student Council*



### DEFENCE NEWS



Welcome back everyone. I hope you had a lovely break. This term there is so much happening.

Anzac Day parade starts at 08:50 in the school hall on Friday. We hope to see you there.

Seminars are being organised now for defence families in regards to deployment and a Family Fun Day is also in the organisation stage.

Please ensure that your PM keys have been updated and put into the system as DCO need your updated information to send out invitations to these events. Could you also please check your DRN email accounts as many families have listed those email addresses as a point of contact. I have been putting a return receipt on the letters but there are some accounts that haven't returned the receipts.

Due to reduced governmental funding it would be ideal if I could send out most letters through the email system. If you have a new account or wish to update your email information, please let me know.

Sandra Bryce, a Teacher Assistant at the school, is currently celebrating her 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary with Ferny Grove Primary. Thank you so much for your assistance and Congratulations - you are the best!

Thoughts for this week are:

*"I miss my Dad 'cause sometimes Mummy cries"*

*"I miss Dad because Mum won't take us to the Army Pool"*

Until next week, take care.

**Marilyn Young DSTA**  
[myoun178@eq.edu.au](mailto:myoun178@eq.edu.au)



#### 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](mailto:newsflash@ferngrovss.eq.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.

MY GREAT HOLIDAY

On Friday I had my two baby cousins over, called Jack and Luke.  
 The night before Easter my dog Lexie started to bark at a fox that was trying to get into the doggy door that led into the garage.  
 On Saturday the 18th of April I got my ears pierced at The Gap Harmony and Day Spa. The next day I went to Reubens 7th birthday party at McDonalds. After that I went to the pet shop to get Whitney some toys. When we were there Dad got a phone call from my cousins called Paige and James, asking if I wanted to come over and see their new guinea pigs.  
 Yesterday my cousins came over. We went to Dayboro Bakery for lunch.  
 On the way back my Dad gave us a cookie to share with my big sister Jade.  
 He dropped us off at the park where I saw Blake. After we had a play we walked home. Then Rachel and Carly went back home.  
 At 7.00 pm last night I took Lexie and Whitney for a walk around the block.  
 I felt happy because my Aunty Rebecca just had Luke and we had never seen him yet.



By Shari Maunder 2T

**FERNY HILLS TENNIS CENTRE COMES BACK TO FERNY GROVE STATE SCHOOL IN TERM 2, 2009.**

Places are still available, for children to join tennis lessons at Ferny Grove before school.

Qualified tennis coaches from Ferny Hills Tennis Centre hold lessons at the school courts every Wednesday morning from 7.45am – 8.30am. We start back on the 29<sup>th</sup> of April.

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.  
 Happy Hitting – we hope to see you on the tennis court.



**SCIENCE CLUB NEWS**

At the end of our DPI Grains Experiment we reported our results. Mr Starkey is pictured with two of our students who are measuring the growth of their plants. This term we will have a different group of students with new experiments to explore.



<b>FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS</b>	
Wed 22 Apr	• P & C Mtg. 7.30 pm
Thu 23 Apr	• 12.00 Blast Off—Yr. 7 Rockets on oval • 12.30pm Yr.5B,E, excursion
Fri 24 Apr	• Whole School <b>ANZAC</b> Service
Mon 27 Apr	• 8.45 am Senior Parade • 9.00—11.00 am Yr.3 Fairytale Day—hall • <b>SCIENCE WEEK BEGINS</b>
Tue 28 Apr	• Yr.1 & 2 Perceptual Motor Program commences
Wed 29 Apr	• Yr.4K,S,JM—Simpson Falls • Yr.5 Science Expo • 7.00 pm IMPS Mtg.
Thu 30 Apr	• Yr.5 Raw Art
Fri 1 May	• 8.45 am Early Years Assembly • Winter Sport begins

**CLASSROOM NOTICES**

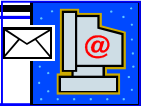
- Term Calendar
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**MOTHER'S DAY STALL DONATIONS**



Thank you to everyone who has donated items. If you haven't already done so, please keep them coming in. There are plenty of reminders up around the school indicating items needed. Please bring them along to the Tuckshop.

**HELPERS NEEDED**

The Mother's Day Stall will be held on **Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> May in the Hall.** If you are able to help out, please give us a call.

Don't forget we are still chasing glass baby food jars and any sheets or off cuts of scrap booking paper.

Any questions, please call  
 Katrina (3351 3863)  
 or  
 Simone (3851 4032)

**ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT**

After the raging success of the 2008 Trivia Night we have decided to hold it again this year on 23 May, 2009.



Tickets at **\$12.00** each will be available for sale prior to the night. Start organising your team.  
**Allison Exley 0423 662 997**



**STATIONERY STORE:**

Monday and Friday 8am – 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**



Date	Tuckshop Roster
Thu 23 Apr	Cheryl Boyd
Fri 24 Apr	Shirabdi Gordon, Kellee Gyles, <b>HELP NEEDED</b>
Mon 27 Apr	Tracey Cock
Tue 28 Apr	<b>HELP NEEDED</b>
Wed 29 Apr	Nicole Wall, Donna Bassett
Thu 30 Apr	Nicole Wall, Donna Bassett
Fri 1 May	Deb Beyer, Julie Haslam, Katrina Collins

**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

Reminder: Friday is online ordering only. If you are having any problems call and see me. I will be happy to help.

Helpers are always needed. If you are available to help call in any time.

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

**Bonjour! Ciao! Or just plain G'day!**



**INTERESTED IN HOSTING AN EXCHANGE STUDENT?**

Become a little brother or sister to an exchange student & open your door to another country! Expose your family to another culture and extend your family unit on an international level.

World Education Program (WEP) is looking for Volunteer Host Families for International Students arriving in July 2009.

Students from Belgium, Italy, Brazil, France, and Germany are looking for families that are prepared to welcome them into their homes as a family member.

These young ambassadors are looking for life long friends and a place to call home during their stay. If you would like more information on becoming a Host Family, please contact our National Office.

**World Education Program**  
**Toll Free: 1300 884 733**  
**Ph: (03) 9598 4733**  
**Fax: (03) 9598 4233**  
**Email: [wep@wep.org.au](mailto:wep@wep.org.au)**

An information pack can be sent on request. **It's easier than you think and a fantastic experience for all!**

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**PREP AND YEAR 1 PARENTS**

**Helping your children learn at home**

Brisbane North Institute of TAFE will be offering a 6 week course at our Grovely Campus starting 22 May.

**This course will cover:**

- Time management for busy parents
- Communicating with your school
- Examining your child's learning style
- Reading to and with your child
- Everyday literacy and numeracy experiences
- Introductory computer skills
- Phonics
- Spelling Strategies
- Sight Words
- Math Skills

**Course cost: \$46.20**

**For more information or to book a place, please ring Barbara on 3259 9074.**

**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.

MITCHELTON STATE HIGH SCHOOL  
**OPEN DAY**  
 SATURDAY 9 MAY 2009  
 12.00 – 4.00 PM  
 CREATIVE MINDS AT WORK

"A school with something for everyone"

754 Stamford Road Mitchelton Ph: (07) 3450 1111

**P & C NOTICEBOARD — next meeting Wednesday 22 APRIL**

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