



## A WORD (OR TWO) FROM THE PRINCIPAL



### REPORT CARDS

Parents should have received the Semester 1 Report last Wednesday and acknowledged receipt. I hope parents have taken the opportunity to request an interview if there are any matters or ratings that needs clarification. The classroom teacher is the person who can provide the additional information as s/he has the detailed knowledge. The exception would be the areas where the specialist teachers have primary responsibility. If there are concerns about behaviour the class teacher is the source.

I have started to review the overall results from this reporting period. This involves looking across year levels and classes within a year level. I'm paying particular attention to English and Mathematics results and the ratings in Behaviour.

In your review of your child's report, I suggest that you consider the following:

- Did your daughter/son receive a rating of C or better in Maths and English?
- Has your child worked to their capacity in all areas being rated at C or better in Effort?
- Has your child's behaviour been satisfactory with a rating of C or better for Behaviour?

The Rating in Behaviour and Effort is in the student's 'court'. It is not dependent on their ability as are the results in academic areas or in Physical Education and The Arts. However, the standards achieved in these are influenced by a child's attitude and the results sometimes are not appropriate given their ability.

If you answered "Yes" to all three questions, I would suggest your child should be pleased with their efforts. You should be proud of them and give them the praise that is deserved.

I'll share some overall results in a future Newsflash.

### VOLUNTEERS AWARDS

Congratulations to Danny Gough, Allison Exley and Jane McClintock on being awarded an Australian Government 'Certificate of Appreciation for Australian Volunteers' at a ceremony. The presentations were made by Hon. Arch Bevis MP, Federal member for Brisbane. They were part of a group of 22 from across the District who were recognised. All are worthy recipients and it was fortunate that our three nominations were accepted as there was a limited number. We were the only organisation who received three awards and I feel, that there were many more volunteers acknowledged that could come from our school community.



### ARANA LEAGUES CLUB SUPPORT

Chaplaincy has again been supported by the board of the Arana Leagues Club. The club has donated \$5 000 to Ferry Grove and the other primary schools in this area. This donation makes it possible for our school to have a Chaplain for 4 days a week, and possibly extending to 5 days. With the support of our P & C Association, half the required funds are obtained and this is matched with a grant from the Federal Government. This is only available when local funds are provided.

I'm sure parents will join with me in showing our gratitude to this club when the opportunity arises.

### EDUCATION TAX REFUND — DON'T FORGET TO CLAIM



How do I claim the Education Tax Refund?

- In your tax return.
- If you don't lodge a tax return, claim on a separate form or over the phone.
- If you use a tax agent, make sure you ask them to claim for you.

The Education Tax Refund lets you claim up to 50 per cent of eligible education expenses for school children. If you are eligible, you can get back up to \$375 for each primary student and up to \$750 for each secondary student.

You can claim things like text books, stationery and even internet costs. Remember, you need to keep all receipts for expenses you claim.

If you receive Family Tax Benefit Part A for a child at primary or secondary school, you will be eligible. Some other people are eligible too. To find out more about this and other information such as what you can and can't claim go to

[www.australia.gov.au/educationtaxrefund](http://www.australia.gov.au/educationtaxrefund) or call the Tax Office on 13 28 61.

BARRY STARKEY (PRINCIPAL)



## **EARLY YEARS NEWS**

### **Term 2: Looking Ahead Fri, 24 July**



Year 2 excursion to the Sciencentre.

### **Tues, 28 July**

Student Teacher Claire Ting commences with Prep V.

### **Welcome Teachers to Prep P and 3S**

Jo Cuskelly will commence teaching Prep P students.

Jaime Tanner will commence teaching the students in 3S.

### **A COOKE LOOK AT LEARNING**

It was a busy first week back. The students settled in well. I reminded students to ensure they have their jackets, sweat shirts and track suit bottoms labelled with their name. 1GH students were learning doubles. 2C & 2H students were learning about analogue & digital time, and Prep P students prepared for their Pyjama Party. (Does Mrs Lazenby really look like that every morning?)

### **YEAR 2 NET**

With Semester 2 report cards, all students also received their Year 2 Diagnostic Net Report. This report outlines where your child is working in the areas of Reading, Writing & Number. Some Year 2 students brought home a letter to advise that they have been identified as requiring learning assistance and intervention. Teachers will soon commence planning and implementing an intervention plan for these children.

Thank you to our Key Teacher, Desley Parker who has liaised with learning support teachers to cooperatively plan for intervention that is planned to commence in week 3 of this term. For further information please contact your child's class teacher or Mrs Parker on Mondays at school: 3550-5333.

**Paul Cooke  
Deputy Principal**

### **STUDENT ABSENCES**

Last week student reports went home to all families. Absences are recorded in the Semester 1 report as "Explained" or "Unexplained". When parents notify the school as to the reason for absence these are recorded as "Explained".

Truancy or no notification as to reasons for absence are recorded as "Unexplained".

To help parents notify the school the reason for absence, an insert has been included with the newsletter.

The slips can be sent to the classroom teacher to explain reasons for absence.

Another time saving method is the Absence phone line. Phone 35505360 and follow the prompts.

Research shows that higher student attendance is associated on average with higher student achievement.

### **INTERMEDIATE MUSIC CAMP**

Ferny Grove Cluster has introduced an Intermediate Instrumental Music Camp for children who did not attend Advanced Music Camp and have at least one year's instrumental music experience.

The camp will take place at Mitchelton State School and Mitchelton State High School on Tuesday, 11 August and Friday, 14 August. (Show Week) The cost of the camp is \$50 and includes tuition with our instrumental teachers, tutors and workshops with the Army Band and Deep Blue String Ensemble. A one hour concert will take place for parents at 2:00pm on Friday afternoon. The aim of the camp is to inspire our students as they learn new skills whilst playing with students from neighbouring schools. Children have taken home notes regarding the camp.

**Belinda Evans  
Deputy Principal**



### **2009 SCHOOL SPELLATHON**

This term we have as a major school fundraiser our Spellathon. This week students from Prep – Year 7 will receive a sponsorship card.

During weeks 2 – 5 (22 July to 14 August) please support your child/ren in gaining sponsorship and encourage their learning of year level words (1-7) and key actions (Prep).

If each child raises \$25 we will surpass the record collected for the Activeathon in 2008. Please note that the school does not encourage children going door to door to gain sponsorship.

### **CLASS PARENT REPS (CPRS)**

The next CPR meeting is to be held in the staffroom on Wednesday, 29 July, from 2.00pm. Please email agenda items to Paul before day close on Thursday, 23 July.

### **RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION RE-COMMENCES**

R. I. lessons recommence this week for students in Years 3-7.

### **FREE HOMEWORK HELP ONLINE**



The State library has launched a site that students can access online or at local libraries after school: [www.yourtutor.com.au](http://www.yourtutor.com.au)

**Paul Cooke  
Deputy Principal**



### **DEFENCE NEWS**

The Defence Kids Rock magazine is coming along well and should be out very soon. The children have been giving me their reflections and I have taken some great photos of the children at work and play. I have also received some great art so keep watching this space for more information about the release day.

This week I have posted on the staffroom window the dates for my *heart and hand awards* it was such a success last year and I hope it will be again this time. We have had a few new defence families joining us at the end of last term and some this term; welcome, I hope you are enjoying yourself.

Last term we looked at how defence children felt when Mum or Dad went away, this term I have decided to focus on the Mums and Dads who have recently retired from the service. Over the next few weeks we will remember their parting words.

*"First thing I'm going to do is paint all my feature walls Burgundy RED!"*

*"I can't wait to hang pictures up where ever I choose and stick shelves up all over the house!"*

*"The kids want a swimming pool but we're getting air conditioning!"*

That's all for this week, do take care.

**Marilyn Young, DSTA  
myoun178@eq.edu.au**

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**Email your request to [Newsflash@ferngrovss.eq.edu.au](mailto: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.**



**FERNY GROVE  
SENIOR SPORTS DAY  
AGE CHAMPIONS**

Mr. Starkey and Mr. Rainbow presented medals to the Senior Sports Day Age Champions :

**Back Row:**

- Nicole Coombs 13 yrs
- Daniel Tebbutt 12 yrs
- Alanna Murphy 12 yrs
- Tapara Taingahue 13 yrs
- Julia Robinson 11 yrs
- Declan Smith 11 yrs

**Front Row:**

- Ronan Russon 9 yrs
- Lauren Scofield 9 yrs
- Madison Young 10 yrs
- Konna Dingwall 10 yrs



**LET'S GET PHYSICAL**

The Aerobics program will continue in term 3 with the following sessions in the hall.

If there is anyone who is not already enrolled and is interested in the program please contact Mr. Gary Kirby in Year 7 for information.

**Gary Kirby  
Coordinator**

**FERNY GROVE HIGH OPEN DAY**

This week Year 7 classes were visited by FGSHS staff to talk about the transition to High School.

An invitation to Year 7 students & their parents is extended to attend the Open Day on **Sunday 2 August** from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

Please note that there are two information sessions, one at 10:00am followed by a tour of the school and an opportunity to book an interview and collect an information pack.

This process will then be repeated at 12 noon. Enrolment interviews will be conducted in the two weeks after Open Day.

**Mrs. Kay Gardner, Executive Principal  
Ferry Grove State High School**

**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.

**GOTCHAS:**

**Well Done!**

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

- Molly Rose M 1T
- Aidan R 1G
- Zoulon 2H
- Miranda N 2T
- Ellie G 3K



**Monday 3 - 3.30pm**

Circuit style aerobics then afternoon tea

3.30-3.45pm. Started Week 2, 20 July

**Tuesday 3 - 3.15pm** Afternoon tea then circuit style aerobics 3.15-3.45pm.

Started Week 2 , 21 July.

These are open to all students, parents and teachers. Wednesday morning sessions are back on for OSHC children in a "Winter Warm-Up" program.

Children who attend OSHC on Wednesday mornings will still need to be signed in and these sessions will start at 7.30am. Fruit and juice will be served to the participants after the session.

Started Week 1, 15 July. The sessions that were held during Term 2 on Tuesdays for Year 5 students will not continue in Term 3

**LITTERLESS LUNCH**

Ferry Grove will continue with our Litterless lunch this term. Bring lunch in paper bags, greaseproof paper and reusable containers. Our compost bins and worm farm can break down all fruit, paper and crusts.

**Ms. Low & Mrs. Abundo  
SCIENCE CLUB**

**ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM**

The Active After School Program recommences next week - Week 3 on Wednesdays for Years 4 -7 and Thursdays for Prep -Yr. 3.

**FORTHCOMING  
ATTRACTIONS**



Thu 23 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clay Castles 60</li> <li>• NW Dist. Track and Field</li> </ul>
Fri 24 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Early Years Assembly</li> <li>• Yr.2 Energy Explorers - Sciencentre</li> </ul>
Mon 27 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8.45 am Academic Parade</li> <li>• Yr.1 &amp; 2 PMP Program</li> <li>• Clay Castles — 6K</li> </ul>
Tue 28 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yr.5 Dr. Blok — Science</li> </ul>
Wed 29 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CPR Mtg. 2.00 pm</li> <li>• Prep -Yr.4 Tennis Skills Lessons</li> </ul>
Thu 30 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clay Castles - 6T</li> <li>• Yr.5 Dr. Blok - Science</li> <li>• Prep -Yr.4 Tennis Skills Lessons</li> </ul>

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



**STATIONERY STORE:**

**OPENING HOURS:**

Monday & Friday 8 – 9 am.

**TAX RECEIPTS:** Some parents have still not collected the Tax Receipt copy they requested in February.

**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



**WAREHOUSE SHOPPING TOUR**

**10 OCTOBER 2009**

**Book Your Place Now**

Don't forget – if you love a bargain and want to help raise money for our school in the process, book your spot for the shopping tour of the year. A % of sales goes directly to the school.

Cost will be \$30 per head. This cost will get you into warehouses not open to the public; afternoon tea; lucky door prizes; and lots more!!!

Cut off for numbers is 30/09/2009.

Lunch is also available on request – quiche, side salad and drink for \$8. Drinks and snacks are available to purchase on the bus during the day.

The more the merrier – So invite your friends, family, teacher, CPR and neighbours. Theme your group, have some fun, and get on the bus!

**To book your spot or for more info, phone Simone Howes on 3851 4032 or 0438 164 727 or email : [simone.howes@bigpond.com](mailto:simone.howes@bigpond.com)**

**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

Date	Tuckshop Roster
Thu 23 July	Juanita Akenson, HELP
Fri 24 July	Marrie Kinshela, Vicki, Amy Martin, HELP
Mon 27 July	Jane McClintock
Tue 28 July	<b>HELP NEEDED!!</b>
Wed 29 July	Donna Little
Thu 30 July	Cheryl Boyd

**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

There will be a new menu this term!!

Some changes:

- Pies and sausage rolls available every day in Term 3.
- Crackles, smiles and dinos (with side salad) are only available on Wednesdays (not Fridays)

Currently iced coffee is under review and is temporarily unavailable.

Why not have your home sandwich toasted for 50c extra. Just drop it in your named bags in the mornings!!

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

**ROAD SAFETY**



Welcome back to term 3.

Sorry to begin with a grumble, however I have had a request from the Crossing Supervisors to car drivers.

It is becoming rather disconcerting to our Supervisors that cars are proceeding onto the crossing before the Supervisors have cleared the crossing. Please be mindful that even if all the pedestrians have left the crossing, vehicles may not proceed until the Supervisors are back onto the kerb.

Also a reminder to all the users of the supervised crossings, those supervisors are there to ensure you have safe passage across the road, so please remember your manners at all times.

**Thank you**  
**Leanne Reid**  
Road Safety Coordinator

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**POSITION AVAILABLE TUCKSHOP CONVENOR**

Deb Cheers our tuckshop convenor has decided to pursue alternative work and will leave us when we have a suitable replacement.

If you are at all interested in an exciting and challenging role as tuckshop convenor please contact Alison Exley on 0423 662 997 or email a brief resume to [pandcpresident@ferngrovss.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandcpresident@ferngrovss.eq.edu.au) to find out more.

An employment pack detailing the position description and application process should be available from the school office in the next few days.

**ARE YOU THE PARENT OF A TODDLER?**

**ARE YOU TIRED AND STRESSED?**

Parenting a toddler can be extremely rewarding and enjoyable. Yet it can also be demanding, frustrating and exhausting particularly when dealing with challenging behaviour in everyday situations. Researchers from Triple P, at the University of Queensland, are conducting a study into the important area of parent-child relationships and the ways in which parents deal with difficult child behaviour. All children misbehave at some point and parents have different styles or ways of dealing with this. We want you to tell us what works for you and what doesn't.

This could be your opportunity to contribute to the ongoing development of Triple P helping us to deliver the best possible parenting solutions to parents of toddlers world-wide. If you have a child aged between 2 and 4 years and you are interested in participating please go to <https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/parentknowledge/> for more information or contact

**Leanne Winter at**  
[leannewi@psy.uq.edu.au](mailto:leannewi@psy.uq.edu.au)

**P & C NOTICEBOARD - next meeting Wednesday 19 August**

**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