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A WORD (OR TWO) FROM THE PRINCIPAL



NATIONAL EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARDS

I was very pleased to be informed that three teachers, Melissa Cowley, Frances Vanderlinde and Shaun Thompson have been nominated for the 2009 ASG Inspirational Teaching Award. The nominations have been made by members of our parent community who consider that these teachers should be honoured and recognised as outstanding representatives of effective teaching initiatives.



A certificate and an accompanying letter have been presented on behalf of the NEiTA Foundation to each of them. The teachers now have the opportunity to complete on line the 'Teacher's Self Portrait Form'.

Thank you to the parents who nominated these teachers. It is appreciated as all three are worthy recipients.

EXTRA CURRICULAR FORMS AND PAYMENT DEADLINES

Deadlines are set so that bookings and arrangements can be managed with some surety of accuracy. This also assists office staff to handle the administration and provides teachers with reports in sufficient time for them to finalise arrangements, such as group formation and supervision. This is essential so the safety of students is not compromised. Many venues also require numbers and payment well in advance of the event.

Recently, the 'odd' student and their parents who have forgotten the activity and are making late returns and payments (some on the day of the event), has turned into a flood. Numerous students have been asking to use the school phone to contact parents. In the main, office staff have accommodated them. I believe this and the fact that it has been accepted has caused complacency.

There are solutions, with one being hiring additional staff. This is impractical as it would dramatically add to the costs for parents. **The solution is that deadlines are met.**

With rare exception, extracurricular activities are in the term bulk bill plus circulars distributed and notices included in the newsletter to assist parents. Teachers give additional reminders to students a number of times prior to the deadline. Office staff provide teachers with lists to help identify those needing a reminder. The older students in particular should take some responsibility and these reminders should be sufficient.

With the exception for a student who has had a long absence, late payments will no longer be accepted after the cut - off date.

INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR

It has been reported that some students are stealing from the local shops. There was also a stealing incident at school. This is a small minority and, I believe, won't be repeated by almost all offenders. However, these matters are taken seriously as it reflects on all students.

There have been and will be repercussions for students including suspension and the involvement of police, unless it is very minor.

I urge parents to discourage your children from hanging around the shopping centre as the innocent may be suspected at this time. I will be reminding students that they are not to go to the shops in the morning, as junk food is being purchased, which I'm sure parents are unaware of.

Students are also reminded to head straight home as this is a safety issue as well.

If there is an emergency and students need to purchase an item at the shops before school, I ask that parents provide a very short note to indicate you know and support it. Of course, the above doesn't apply when an adult is present.

For the good name of all students, this behaviour must stop. There are no acceptable excuses.




BARRY STARKEY (PRINCIPAL)



EARLY YEARS NEWS



TERM 3: LOOKING AHEAD

From Mon 24 August:

Athon money collections daily to staffroom from 8:30 am.

Fri, 28 Aug

Dress Up as Favourite Book Character
1:50pm D.E.A.R: Drop Everything and Read!!

YEAR 2 “READERS ARE LEADERS” PROGRAM

This Friday at Early Years Assembly, Mrs Donnet and the Year 2 teachers are launching a special program that will involve Year 2 children being given their own storybook to keep and to read. It is another initiative to further encourage student reading and the love of literature.

This invaluable program has come about through negotiation for sponsorship with **ECOLAB** manager **Mr Geoff Schluter** and parent, **Mr Doug Haslam**. Further information about this program will be provided.

*Paul Cooke
Deputy Principal*

PARADE PERFORMANCES

Junior Band will be performing on Parade for the next 2 weeks Monday 31 August and Monday, 7 September. Band members are to meet at the hall with their instruments at 8.30am on Monday morning.

Monday, 7 September is a Student of the Month Parade and the Junior Band will be required to wear their full performance uniform for the Parade.

On Monday 14 September the Senior Strings will be performing at the whole school Spellathon Parade.

EXPRESSIVE ARTS SHOWCASE THURSDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

Commencing at 7:00pm in the hall, **Junior and Senior Strings, Junior and Senior Bands, Intermediate, Boys and Senior Choirs** will be performing in their full performance uniforms: blue performance shirt, black trousers, black socks and black shoes, long hair tied back with a royal blue ribbon.

Junior Choir members will be performing in their performance uniform - royal blue school dress for

girls, royal blue and white striped shirt and royal blue shorts for boys, short white socks and black shoes, long hair tied back with a royal blue ribbon.

The children are eagerly rehearsing for this evening which is one of our highlights and not to be missed.

FAMILY PLANNING YEAR 7

Classes commence for all Year 7 students on Monday 31 August and run for 3 weeks. Parents **not wishing** their child to participate in the program are to notify the classroom teacher by Friday. The cost of the program is \$22. This was advertised on the Term 3 bulkbill.

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY

Thank you to those families for returning their surveys. It is hoped that all questionnaires will be returned by Friday. With only 40 surveys distributed it is vital for all to be returned as the feedback helps shape our Ferny Grove's strategic direction.

*Belinda Evans
Deputy Principal*

2009 SCHOOL SPELLATHON UPDATE

From Monday, 24 August to Friday, 4 September children or parents are asked to bring sponsorship cards & collected money to the school staff room from 8:30 am.



Please encourage and support your child to be involved and to expediently collect money and return this with their Athon card. All cards must be returned.

CLASS PARENT REPS (CPRS)

The next CPR Meeting is to be held in the staffroom on Wednesday, 2 September from 2:00pm.

Please forward agenda items to Paul by Thursday, 27 August.

PRE-SERVICE TEACHERS

Pre- service teachers are working with the following classes:

Sarah Batch to 7H; Lisa Batten to 6K; Jodi Brunjes to 2T; Natalie Da Silva to 1L, Rebecca Patten to 3A; and Shirley Slater to Prep C. Please make them welcome to Ferny Grove SS.



FATHER'S DAY STALL

Next Wednesday, 2 September children can purchase a gift for Dad for Father's Day. Gifts are priced from 50c to \$10. Each class will visit the school hall next Wednesday at a rostered time. Thanks in advance to members of the school's Parent Activity Group for coordinating this year's stall.

*Paul Cooke
Deputy Principal*



RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

Bramble Bay BOOK FAIR

closes at 8.45 am **this Friday**.

WHEN:

Monday, 24 - Friday, 28 August

TIMES:

8 – 8.45am and 3-3.30pm
(closes 8.45am Friday)

WHERE:

MUSIC ROOM

Most books are between \$5 to \$10 so come and snap up a bargain. Pay by cash, cheque or credit card.

Premiers Reading Challenge finished last Friday, 21 August. Make sure you get your reading sheets to me by next Monday, 31 August so I can enter you in the Challenge. Remember, I will give you a book mark for every 5 books you read for the Challenge.

*Happy reading.
Patti Donnet
Resource Centre Manager*

EXPRESSIVE ARTS INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION



Entries include art work done in class or at home and are due 28 Aug (THIS Friday) to Ms Smith's Classroom (4S). Collect an entry form from your teacher.

There are 3 categories which include: Painting and Drawing; Construction; Textiles and Craft

REMINDER

All students **must have paid the \$10 Art Levy** to be included in the extra Expressive Arts Week activities.

Possible activities include: Prep to Yr.1 - Reverse Garbage workshop; Yrs. 2 to 3 - Flying Circus; Yrs. 4 to 5 - Drama Workshops; Yrs. 6 to 7 - Artist Paintings

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.



CARTRIDGE RECYCLING

Did you know it takes up to 450 years for a laser printer cartridge to decompose in landfills! Our school has entered into a partnership with Cartridge World at Ashgrove to avoid any of our used cartridges ending up as landfill. Cartridge World Ashgrove will leave collection bins at our school at the office and collect them when full. They will sort through these ink/laser/copier cartridges and they will reward the school for the ones that can be reused. The ones that cannot be reused are fully recycled creating a "zero waste stream" meaning none of the old cartridges are sent for landfill. The collection bin is lined with plastic but some old cartridges may still leak old toner or ink so it would be best to place them in a paper/plastic bag or just put it back into the original box and get the kids to drop it into the collection bin at the office. The "reward" that the school receives will be put towards resources or small projects around the school decided on by the Student Council. Cartridge World has also offered for any of our families refilling their cartridges at their Ashgrove store to receive \$1.00 off the purchase price or this \$1.00 can be nominated to be donated back to our school. All you have to say is that you are a family at Ferny Grove State School. Please see below sites for the students to visit to find out more information about our environment and some cool projects.

www.fillsworld.org www.keeppaustraliabeautiful.org.au



DEFENCE NEWS

This is a very sad day for me as it is my last inclusion for the newsletter and heading towards my last day at the school.

It has been a very emotional time and I realised at Monday's Parade it is also emotional for many of the students. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the children and families both civilian and defence, for their emails and kind words. I will miss each and every one of the students.

They are so precious and each brings with them such special gifts. I thank them for allowing me into their lives. I am glad that you have enjoyed this section of the newsletter and hope that it has given you an insight into our differing situations.

To all the members and families about to be affected by operations and courses, I wish you a speedy safe return. When you are absent from home for whatever reason, know that there is never a second when you are not in the thoughts of your children.

I have left you with many reflections from families and students and today I would like to sign off with a reflection from me.

"To be able to be part of something so important, to be trusted with the lives of your children that are so precious is something that I will never forget and from the bottom of my heart, I thank you."

**kindest Regards Always
 Marilyn Young.**

German News

In the last week of term 2, 10 of our Year 6 students were selected to attend the LOTE Day of Excellence at Ferny Grove State High School. The students were separated into three groups together with students from other local primary schools. In these groups they moved through a series of 3 activities. Through the use of drama, music and art, the students participated in some very intensive German and Indonesian language learning.

Even the German teacher was challenged by being a student in an Indonesian lesson. You're never too old to learn another language!

**Frau Guerra
 LOTE Specialist**

On 6 August, 10 students from Year 6 went to Ferny Grove State High School for a fun day of German and Indonesian. What followed, was German drama and songs and Indonesian instruments.

We had a concert in the air-conditioned auditorium. There were students from Ferny Hills SS, St Williams' Primary, Samford, Grovely and Mitchelton SS. We would like to thank all the teachers for running the day.

Naveen Razik, 6P

On Thursday, 6 August, 10 students went to Ferny Grove State High for a German Excellence Day with some other schools. We sang songs in German, learnt how to play Indonesian instruments and some drama in German about Hansel and Gretel. It was a lot of fun and we thank all those teachers for organising and running the day.

Jodie Wadham & Danella Harte, 6T

REMINDER

German Food Day for Yr. 7s is on Tuesday, 1 September. Helpers are urgently needed. Please contact Frau Guerra to offer assistance.

Ferny Grove State School Thinker's Challenge



The next Challenge uses the **BAR Key (Bigger, Add, Replace) "A Garden Hose"**

When applying the BAR Key, you have to make something bigger, add something and replace something on the item! Place entries in the **Thinkers Key Challenge box** in the library.

Entries are due: **Thursday, 27 August.**

DATE CLAIMERS- SCHOOL DISCO

Mark **Thursday, 17 Sep** (Week 10, second last day of school) into your calendars for the school disco run by the Student Representative Council.

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS	
Thu 27 Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PMP Program—School hall • Regional Track & Field
Fri 28 Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book Fair ends • Prep—Yr. 3 Dress Up for Book Week • 1.50 pm D.E.A.R Drop Everything and Read
Mon 31 Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8.45 am Senior Parade • Yr.7 Family Planning • Keep returning ATHON money
Tue 1 Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yr.3 Rocks and Fossils CSIRO • German Food Day
Wed 2 Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FATHERS DAY STALL • 2.00 pm CPR Mtg.
Thur 3 Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yr.6 MEDIEVAL DAY

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.
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

 **ROAD SAFETY**
 It is of great concern that despite numerous mutterings in this column when Year 7 returned from an excursion at 3.00p.m. last Thursday, 3 cars were parked in the Finvoy Street bus stop. These cars made no effort to move and except for the fact that number plates cannot be printed in this newsletter they would be named and shamed. This however was not an isolated incident with a parent also expressing concerns over this fact. It would be greatly appreciated if all drivers could be mindful of all the signage around the school and more importantly take heed of the instructions. Thanking you in anticipation of your co-operation.

Leanne Reid
Road Safety coordinator


Date	Tuckshop Roster 
Thu 27Aug	Cheryl Boyd HELP NEEDED
Fri 28 Aug	Shirabdi Gordon HELP NEEDED
Mon 31 Aug	Sue Ripper HELP NEEDED
Tue 1 Sep	HELP DESPERATELY NEEDED!!
Wed 2 Sep	Nicole Wall, Donna Bassett
Thu 3 Sep	Nicole Wall, Donna Bassett
Fri 4 Sep	Debbie Beyer, Katrina Collins

 **OSHC COMMITTEE MEETING**
Wednesday, 9 Sept. 7.00 pm


All parents and carers are welcome and encouraged to attend the next OSHC Committee Meeting to be held on 9 September. 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.

OSHC Committee

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- **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:
- **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.**
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 **ALERT - CONTACT DETAILS**
 Please contact the school office if any of your contact details change, including emergency numbers.

COMMUNITY NEWS


 **FERNY GROVE STATE SCHOOL**
DEFENCE SCHOOL TRANSITION AIDE
CASUAL

Applications are invited for a casual position as Defence School Transition Aide at Ferny Grove SS.

Applications must address the selection criteria in the application package, which can be obtained from the school office or by phoning 3550 5333.

Closing date: 3.00pm Friday, 28 August.

The successful applicant will be required to obtain a Suitability (Blue) Card.

 **GREAT BOOKS for TEENS**
 with Joy Lawn

Venue: Ferny Grove SHS Library
 Date: Wednesday 2 September
 Time: 6:30 for tea/coffee, 7:00 start
 Finish: 8:00 pm –Books available for purchase afterwards
 Cost: Gold coin donation
 Enquiries: Sue McPherson Ph 35505772 smcph11@eq.edu.au



TENNIS COACHING – DAVE PRICKETT
 (acc. TPAA) - Phone 3351 4483
 Coaching is at Ferny Grove State School
 Monday: 3.00 pm — 3.45 pm (BEGINNERS)
 Friday: 7.45 am — 8.30 am (ADVANCED)
BEGINNERS receive new racquet FREE

Name:
 Phone No:
 Grade:
 To Enrol: Return form to Office or
 Phone Coach **Dave Prickett – 3351 4483**
 EXPERT SERVE COACHING AVAILABLE FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN

P & C NOTICEBOARD - Next meeting Wednesday 16 September

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