

Ferny Grove Newsflash



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A WORD (OR TWO) FROM THE PRINCIPAL



FACILITIES

I have met with the architectural team together with P & C President Danny Gough and Teacher / Librarian Patti Donnet. Patti is on sick leave and is keen to be involved. I'm looking forward to Patti continuing input when she can this year and full involvement on her expected return to duties in Term 1 2010.

I am hoping that all the planning is complete before the end of the year so that the project management team employed to guide this, can prepare documents for the tendering process to begin. So far, the general concepts for the developments of both hall and library are still 'on the table'. For those who may have missed this in previous newsletter, our desire is to more than double the size of the library, have a very large secure outdoor area plus modernise the interior. The hall is also to be extended by 40% providing a stage/performance room, a new music room and storage.

TENNIS COURT LIGHTS

Orders have been placed to complete this project. Most of the funds, \$19 000, to cover the costs have come from a BCC Grant. The P & C have added an additional \$6 000 and around \$9 500 from the General School Account will be needed to upgrade the power and cover the costs of two lights instead of adding these later. The Minor Works budget is being stretched with some funding from 2010 being brought forwarded. It is imperative that this is completed now as the grant could be lost as it is already beyond the intended date for it to be spent. It will be a great asset for the community and should generate funds for the school. Therefore, students will benefit now and in the future as adults.

HALL DEVELOPMENT EXTERNAL COVER

The order should be now with the provider. This is a large project. Dollar for dollar subsidy has been obtained by the P & C with funds coming from OSHC. Mr Phil Forrest has driven this and the court light projects. His efforts are appreciated.

PREP PLAYGROUND

The redevelopment of the playground will commence on the 9th November. This \$180000+ project, including additional project management costs, will take 6 - 8 weeks to complete. Alternative arrangements for the outdoor program have been made for our current Prep students by their teachers. The whole area will be closed off for the duration of the construction. There may be some disruption to the parking in Finvoy adjacent to the site as it is accessed from that side. Teachers will make sure that the indoor program continues as usual even if some changes to location need to be made for the occasional noisy period that occurs during class times.

This is a very exciting project and it will be great to see the plan become a reality.

ONE2ONE CLASSROOMS

Planning is on track to offer this different approach to a class in Year 6 and one in Year 7 for 2009. There seems to be sufficient interest to warrant at least one class and firm commitment will be the final test. After 2010, classes will only be commenced in Year 6 so that students work in this manner for 2 years. It will be more cost effective with costs spread over two years and is expected to be more beneficial to academic results.

SPORTS TRACK

This is also in the developmental stage and will be a similar arrangement to the above. The commitment is for two years and a student commencing in Year 6 will be expected to stay with this different approach through Year 7 as long as the students' behaviour and performance is acceptable. There will be consideration of having this approach commence in Year 4 and continuing into Year 5 if this trial indicates a value in doing so. There would be no automatic progression from the younger group to the next with preference given to students that had not been involved before ones that had are considered. This is a 'watch this space' moment as a decision will be taken in Semester 2 next year.

CONDOLENCES

Last Friday a student of Grovely State School died suddenly and it is believed that meningococcal was the cause as the child only reported ill on Thursday. On behalf of the Ferny Grove school community, I have expressed to the Principal of Grovely our support, and sincere condolences to the family and the Grovely school community.


BARRY STARKEY (PRINCIPAL)



EARLY YEARS NEWS

LOOKING AHEAD

Fri, 6 Nov Prep Dinosaur Music Performance

Wed, 11 Nov Remembrance Day
3H & S Bunyaville Excursion
2010 Year 1-7 Booklists to be distributed with newsletter

Mon, 9 Nov Prep Playground Project commences

Thur, 12 Nov 3A & K Bunyaville Excursion

Play Morning for 2010 Prep Students
On Monday, 16 November from 9:00 – 10:00am we will welcome the students who have enrolled for Prep in 2010. This play morning is another opportunity to build student awareness and confidence for starting Prep in 2010.

Paul Cooke
Deputy Principal



INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NIGHT

This Wednesday FGSS is hosting the Instrumental Music Recruitment Night. Schools from around the area will meet to welcome new students to the Instrumental Music Program.

REMINDER:

The Ferny Grove Junior Band and the Junior Strings will play on the night, Students will be required to wear their band uniform.

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.

Paul Cooke
Deputy Principal



MUSIC NEWS

Instrumental Recruitment Evening is on this Wednesday evening, so Intermediate Choir is deferred to Friday 8:00 am. As I will not be at school next week, Intermediate Choir will **NOT** be on Thursday morning.

Those students in Intermediate Boys and Senior Choirs who are performing on Sunday 15 November at Brisbane Synagogue, could you please rehearse with Mr Leonnard on Friday morning 8:00 am - 9:00 am for the next two weeks. All other students can have break. After this we will be preparing for the Grandparent's Concert.

Naomi Miller
Music Specialist

REMEMBRANCE DAY

On the 4th November Year 6K will conduct the 2009 Remembrance Service in the school hall commencing at 10:30 am.

Our special guest will be renowned Queensland poet and identity Rupert McCall. Rupert will share his emotive Anzac poem and simply lend his passion to the day. Children from 6K will share various readings and personal reflections throughout the service highlighting the importance and relevance of this special day to them.

Please join us on this very special day to uphold the memory of these brave Australians.

“the torch be yours to hold it high...”

Lest We Forget

Matt Kurth
Yr 6 Teacher

DEFENCE NEWS

A reminder for all Defence children: Courtyard games (next to the library) are on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at first break. Come along and checkout the new games.

Thank you
Danya McMahan

RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

Don't forget tomorrow is the last day for the Book Fair.

The opening times are:

8:00 am—8:40 am
3:00 pm—3:30 pm

Eftpos will be available. Please take advantage of this opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts and help the school as the same time.

All profits from the fair will be used to purchase valuable resources

Jane Brown
Acting Resource Manager



FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS



Wed 4 Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Book Fair • 6.30 pm Inst Music Cluster-recruitment—FGSS
Thu 5 Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Book Fair concludes • 6T, 6R, 1/2 60 Bunyaville • Yr.5 Dr. Blok
Fri 6 Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8.45 am Early Yrs Assembly • Prep - Dinosaur Show
Mon 9 Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7.30 Aus Kick • 8.45 Whole School Parade—Student of the Month • Prep Playground commences • 7.00 pm PAG Mtg.
Wed 11 Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REMEMBRANCE DAY • 10.30 am Service in the school hall

GOTCHAS:

Well Done!

These children were caught **‘doing the right thing’** and were rewarded with an ice block voucher from the tuckshop.

- Ella B 1GH
- Kate 1G
- Lizzie Ch 1GH
- Chloe 1G



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.

**GROVELY 6 WAY SWIMMING
CARNIVAL
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

Would interested families who consider their child competent to compete in the Grovely Six-way swimming meet please consider their participation and provide times from their coach or swimming club so that our students can be matched to the best suited events/strokes to benefit our school team.

Times from the previous school carnival will be used to plan nominations, especially in the absence of any Club times if this is your child's situation.

Your child may be nominated by us for **up to 2** individual events plus a relay (or two).

Students participating from our school will be generally selected according to results from our previous school carnivals, and performances in the last District meet. However, the conditions of the carnival dictate that students can only compete in 2 individual events, so alternative competitors will be sought for some events, and some may not swim in their preferred events.

To assist in finalising our competitor list it is asked that you please check your child's availability before returning this form to Mr Rainbow via the Classroom teacher or School Office by **Friday, 13 November**.

Following this, those students selected to participate will receive a permission form and notice of which events they will be competing in.

Venue: **Grovely SS pool**
Date: **Tuesday 24 November 2009**
Time: **5.30 pm** (for 6pm start) – **8.45pm (approx.)**

Please complete and return the form at the bottom of this page if you wish to nominate.



**Kent Rainbow
(PE Teacher)**

The **Yr 2 & 3 team** & the **Yr 6 & 7 team** came in 2nd place just missing out on the regional finals played at the State Tennis Centre on the 29th November.

Yr 4 & 5 team had a tougher run throughout the comp & finished in 4th place. On one occasion they missed out on a win by just 1 point!

Ferry Hills Tennis Centre congratulates all the players selected to represent the school for your outstanding performance both on and off the court. Your display of etiquette and sportsmanship throughout the competition was a credit to your school. With the great effort you put in this year I am sure we will see at least one Ferry Grove School Team make it through to the finals next year!

SCHOOL TENNIS TEAM RESULTS

Overall Ferry Grove School came in 4th place out of all the schools involved in the 2009 HOTSHOTS NORTHWEST INTERSCHOOLS TENNIS CHALLENGE CUP including Patrick's Rd, St Andrews, St Williams, Samford and Ferry Hills Primary Schools.

Yr 2 & 3 Team

Team members

- Ashlee Daniels
- Devika Moss
- Paul Cogill
- Renae Kosch
- Tamika Fernance
- Darcey Griffith
- Daniel Morrison
- Emily Bashforth

Yr 4 & 5 Team

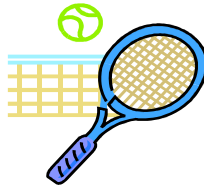
Team members

- Joseph Edwards
- Isaac Ree
- Alex Greig
- Imogen Daley
- Kirsten Fernance
- Skylar Sansome
- Caleb Davidson
- Damon Venner
- Ben Sutcliffe
- Eamon Elder

Yr 6 & 7 Team

Team members

- Harry White
- Joel Boscoe
- Emily Boscoe
- Genevieve Carden
- Matthew Jackman
- Nicole Geuthner
- Ashley Teys
- Bianca Elder
- Keely Reid
- Emma Ledger
- Rebecca Leader
- Boaza Akuhata-Raeina
- Ananya Akuhata-Raeina



6 – WAY SWIMMING MEET Return to Mr. Rainbow via the Classroom Teacher				
Name:	Class:			
D.O.B.:				
Age turned in 2008	Times			
	Freestyle	Breastroke	Backstroke	Butterfly
8 yrs	25m	25m	25m	25m
9 yrs	25m	25m	25m	25m
10 yrs	25m	25m	25m	25m
11 yrs	50m	50m	50m	50m
12+ yrs	50m	50m	50m	50m
Coach/Club signature (if possible)			Parent's signature	



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 and Friday 8 – 9 am.
2010 BOOKLIST for YRS 2 – 7 will be sent home next Wednesday.

HELP still required on the following days:

8.00-9.15AM

NOVEMBER- Wed 18, Thurs 26

DECEMBER -Tues 1, Thurs 3, Fri 4, Tues 8, Thurs 10

JANUARY - Sunday 17, 8 -11am; Tuesday 19, 8-11am (or part thereof) Thursday 21, 4-5pm (2 people req) Wed 27 (first day of school) 8- 9.30am (2 people required)

9.15-11.00AM

NOVEMBER - Wed 18, Fri 20, Wed 25, Fri 27

DECEMBER - Wed 2.

*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*



LOST ON FRIDAY, 30 OCTOBER

Silver bookmark with decorative black crystal beads and silver spider web charms.

If found please return to the office.



TUCKSHOP NEWS

Now that it is getting hot you can get a Vanilla Ice Cream in a tub for \$1.50.

Date	Tuckshop Roster
Thu 5 Nov	Cheryl Boyd
Fri 6 Nov	Shirabdi Gordon, Allison Exley
Mon 9 Nov	Sue Ripper
Tue 10 Nov	HELP NEEDED
Wed 11 Nov	Nicole Wall, Donna Basset
Thu 12 Nov	Kym Morrison
Fri 13 Nov	Debbie Beyer, Katrina Collins

Julie Haslam & Kellee Gyles

B.C.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 28 November, 19 December and 30 January** at the Ferry 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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

**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.

WILIMORE KINDERGARTEN

at Ferry Hills would like to advise local families that our 2012 waiting list will open on the first Saturday of the 2010 school year i.e Saturday 30th January 2010 at 10.00am. Children attending in 2012 must be born between 1st July 2007 and 30 June 2008. The waiting list fee is \$10.00.

Willmore Kindergarten is a community kindergarten affiliated with C & K. We have 2 groups of 22 children attending a 5 day fortnight Play based Pre Prep program.

Enquiries Ph 33512022 or visit us at the Kindergarten at 14 Irruka Cres, Ferry Hills. (Staff are at the Kindergarten from 7.30am to 3.00pm most days.)

Email - willymorekindy@bigpond.com

P & C NOTICEBOARD - Next meeting Wednesday 18 November

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
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