

Ferry Grove Newsflash



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A WORD (OR TWO) FROM THE PRINCIPAL



KEY SCHOOL PLANNING PRIORITIES FOR 2009

Each year an Annual Operation Plan is developed after reference to the Strategic Plan. Our current plan, formed after the Triennial School Review which was the number one item in the Newsflash and forums during 2008, is for the period 2009 – 2011.

Being so recent, there was no need to consider any major shifts in departmental policy or in other areas pertaining to the Ferry Grove School community. This may not be the case in future years.

In planning there are some 'givens' that are not repeated. A prime example is the importance of literacy and numeracy in the school program. Over 50% of the teaching /learning time is allocated to these areas, as they are the core of this school's program. There are other programs that continue.

The priorities listed below are the areas that extra attention will be given to during 2009.

- Maximising student achievement in NAPLAN focusing on Literacy and Numeracy.
- Continue to implement the *Framework for Gifted Education* and classroom thinking skills initiatives.
- Focus on Environmental sustainability – Energy Wise School
- Improve ICT Index through increasing skills of teachers and engagement of ICT PD framework.
- Full implementation of the *Queensland Curriculum Assessment and Reporting (QCAR) Framework*.
- Continue to support the *Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students* by implementing a social skills and values education program which incorporates the *Rock and Water Program*.
- Implement 2009 – *the Year of Creativity* focusing upon a creative thinking across all KLAs.
- Further implementation of *Smart Classrooms Strategies* with One School, ICT Professional Development Framework priorities.
- Delivery of professional development underpinned by *Professional Standards for Teachers* and through professional learning conversations with teachers.
- Maintain and promote the school's *Get Active Program*.

The successful implementation of these will enhance the program. While this is a great school, it will only remain so while there is an endeavour to continually improve in all aspects.

BEHAVIOUR RECOGNITION

Congratulations to all the students whose behaviour during Term 1 was acknowledged last week with a sausage sizzle. These students did not have a single entry on a behaviour tracking sheet. It reflected behaviour both in structured classroom situations and unstructured play.

My aim is to have all students attend. While heaps of encouragement from teachers and, in particular parents, helps, it is very much in the hands of the individual child. When we reach the milestone of 100%, I'll join with them in a special celebration.

CONDOLENCES

Sadly, last week, our Deputy, Paul Cooke's mother passed away. Although Paul's mother has been ill for some time, it is always a tough time when one loses one who is very close. Paul has taken a major role in providing support for his mother during this time of extended illness.

Also, last week one of our students, Tameka Abel, passed away. Tameka became ill last year, diagnosed with leukaemia while in Mrs Begg's Year 5 class. Her passing was a shock to all. I'm sure parents will join with staff in providing support.

As a school community, we can support our members as they mourn their loss. While it is tough to move on, there is no other way to honour the memories and support will assist.

Guidance officers have been in place to assist and support students particularly those who knew Tameka. Letters have been sent to parents. Teachers are monitoring the students in their care. If a parent notifies that their child needs assistance, please contact our guidance officer. Mrs Chieri Tann will be able to help as she has special training in this area.

Congrats

To: All students who have nominated for district sports teams.
I have had the pleasure of writer's cramp in signing the endorsements.
This has to be the greatest number that we've had.



To: All the coaches who have supported the students for this to be achieved.

B. Starkey
BARRY STARKEY (PRINCIPAL)



EARLY YEARS NEWS

LOOKING AHEAD:

Tues 12 May Yr.2 Qld Museum
Fri 22 May 1GH Fairy Tale Day
Tue 26 May Yr.3 Raw Art
Thu 28 May Yr.3 Fairy Tale Play
Fri 29 May Yr.3 World of Maths

FAVOURITE TEACHER

Students can still nominate online, by Friday 8 May, their favourite teacher.
<http://education.qld.gov/community/events/edweek/favteacher/>.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL and BEST WISHES

Thank you to Katrina Collins for coordinating this year's Mother's Day Stall and to her band of helpers. Enjoy good times with one another to celebrate our many special mothers on Sunday.

STUDENT TEACHERS

Student teachers have commenced practicums with teachers in Prep C, Prep V, 1L, 2T, 3H, 7K, 7M and 7S. Next week student teachers will join Prep C, 1G, 6O, 6T and 7H.

*Paul Cooke
Deputy Principal*

NAPLAN TESTING is here

Next week Years 3, 5 and 7 students will participate in the Literacy and Numeracy tests on the following days.

Tuesday 12 May

Language Conventions
and Writing

Wed 13 May

Reading

Thurs 14 May

Numeracy

All students require 2B or HB pencils, a rubber and quiet work to complete if they finish early. Year 7 students also require a calculator and a blue or black pen.

Children will complete their daily tests during the first session of each day.

The children have been preparing for these tests for some time and are well practised in the nature of the tests.

We are hoping for little or no illness in years 3, 5 and 7 next week, as catch up tests must be completed by Friday 15 May.



WINTER SPORT

Winter sport commenced last Friday and will run for 12 weeks throughout terms 2 and 3. The Sport Information Sheet needs to be returned now.

Payment of \$60 is required by the 12 May.

Teachers are always looking for parents to act as team managers. Managers do not need to have any understanding of game or rules. Parents acting as manager assist the teacher with the equipment and supervision. If you are able to come along to the games please let the teacher know that you would be happy to help out.

STRINGS PERFORMANCES

Monday 11 May is a Student of the Month Parade. The Senior Strings will be playing. Children will need to wear their performance uniform for the parade and arrive at the hall at 8:30 to set up. This is a good opportunity for the Senior Strings to play as a group in preparation for their Strings Extravaganza on Thursday 21 May. Children received a note regarding this evening last Tuesday.

Senior Strings will also be playing on Senior Parade on 22 June.

CHORAL PARADE PERFORMANCES

Fri 15 May Junior Choir
Mon 18 May Senior Choir
Mon 25 May Boys Choir
Mon 7 June Intermediate Choir

Term 2 Competitions

QYMA Choral Competition Dates

Friday 15 May Junior Choir
6:00 arrival Aspley SHS
Tues 26 May Boys Choir
6:30 arrival Aspley SHS
Mon 1 June Yr 4/5 Choir
6:00 arrival Aspley SHS
Wed 3 June Senior Choir
6:30 arrival Aspley SHS

A note has been sent home with details of the above.

Fanfare Choral Competition will take place on Wednesday 20 May.

Senior, Boys and Intermediate Choirs will compete at Kedron SHS in the morning competition. Children will be bussed to and from the competition. Further details will be sent home this week.

*Belinda Evans
Deputy Principal*

RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

The 50c BOOK SALE - LAST DAY!

Come to the library courtyard Thursday during first break and snap up a pile of good reading.

All books just 50c. Come and find a bargain!

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Commences Monday 11 May. All classes are being encouraged to participate.

Support your child's reading and help them meet the challenge of reading 20 books by 21 August, when the Challenge concludes.

*Happy reading
Patti Donnet*

GROUP PHOTOS

Photos for Student Councillors, Senior Leaders, School Captains, Music Leaders, House Captains are available to order for **\$12 each**. If you wish to purchase a photo, please send money to the office in the correct envelope (available from the office) **before 8 May**.

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

On Tuesday 5 May, 23 students represented our school in the North-West District Cross Country at Teralba Park.

Although there had been illnesses amongst the students, and an unexpected change to the course all participated magnificently. Some may have even been surprised by their results.

The support and encouragement shown to each other was in true Ferny Grove style.

Unfortunately we had a few injuries and some had to withdraw, while others in pain, continued on and completed the race.

CONGRATULATIONS to all who participated and good luck to

Tom Marr
Hayleigh Scofield
Julia Robinson
Jordan Swaddling

who are going to the Regional trials on 2nd June.

Thanks to Mr. Thompson for the training, to Mrs. Dingwall for being our team manager and to all the parents who came along to show their support.

*Hayleigh Scofield
7K*

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 State School Thinker's Challenge



Throughout this term on Senior Parade and Early Years Assembly the **Thinkers' Challenge** will be announced. Entries need to be placed in the Thinkers' Challenge box in the Library by Thursday afternoon with the student's name and class clearly marked on the entry.

The challenges will call on Tony Ryan's **Thinker's Keys**.

These keys were designed to stimulate 'out of the box' thinking.

The first challenge is due on Thursday May 14:

INVENTIONS KEY

If your computer mouse were alive, what would it like to play?
Design a toy that would keep it happy.

Challenge closes Week 4.

Trophy presented at Week 5 Senior parade.

This challenge is just one of many initiatives operating at Ferny Grove to further our goal to *Strive for Excellence!*

ALERT - CONTACT DETAILS



Please contact the school office if any of your contact details change, including emergency numbers.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

The program begins this week, after school.

Gary Kirby
Coordinator



PMP VOLUNTEERS

The Perceptual Motor Program for Year 1 students will commence on Thursday after first break. Volunteers are urgently needed for this program to be able to run.

Please contact your child's class teacher if you are able to help.

GOTCHAS: **Well Done!**

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

- Mich 2H
- Blake L 2C
- Shontae T 3S
- Sam O 3S
- Rhys K 3S
- Brooke N 3S



FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

Thu 7 May	• 50c Book Sale - library courtyard
Fri 8 May	• 8.45 am Early Years Assembly • Junior Choir Performance
Mon 11May	• 8.45am Student of the Month — whole school parade • PAG Mtg. 7.00 pm
Tue 12 May	• Yr. 2 Qld Museum excursion • Yr. 3, 5, 7 NAPLAN writing test
Wed 13 May	• Yr. 3, 5, 7 NAPLAN reading test

STUDENT LEARNING ENHANCEMENT PAYMENT:

Thank you to the many families who have paid part or all of the Student Learning Enhancement Scheme for 2009. This money will be used to supplement various parts of the curriculum needs at all levels throughout the school, during the current year. For those who have not yet contributed or elected to defer their full or part payment until after the start of the school year, please consider making this payment as soon as possible so that the P & C can finalise the amount to be handed over to the school. If you intend to contribute in this way, please pay in person at the Stationery Store, Monday or Friday mornings 8-9am, or complete and return the form below.

Please charge my credit card: \$..... Visa Master

Credit Card Number ____/____/____/____ Expiry Date: ____/____

Cardholder's Name _____ Signature: _____

List all students in family from Prep to Year Seven

STUDENTS' SURNAME	STUDENTS' FIRST NAME	Tick amount being paid below	
		YEAR	SEMESTER
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		\$120.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$60.00 <input type="checkbox"/>

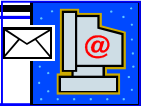
Would you like your Newsflash delivered using 21st Century technology?

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



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:

Monday & Friday 8.00 – 9.00 am.



Charyl Cowles, Convenor
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TUCKSHOP NEWS

Deb Cheers, Convenor
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Date	Tuckshop Roster
Thur 7 May	Greta Naumann
Fri 8 May	Debbie Beyer, Julie Haslam, Anne
Mon 11 May	Sue Ripper
Tue 12 May	Help Needed
Wed 13 May	Nicole Wall, Donna Basset
Thu 14 May	Juanita Akenson



COMMUNITY NEWS

TRIPLE P – POSITIVE PARENTING

The University of Queensland is conducting research regarding the effectiveness of a parenting seminar for parents who are concerned about their child's behaviour.

Child disobedience is common and can be improved.

A Triple P – Positive Parenting Program seminar for parents with young children who display disobedience has been developed.

The seminar will provide parents with information and helpful everyday tips for dealing with disobedience and improving their child's behaviour. The Triple P Parenting Program is supported by 25 years of empirical research.

If you are a parent of a 2 to 5-year-old child who is often disobedient, we would love to hear from you!

The study hopes to provide support for brief group-based parenting interventions so that more parents can have access to parenting advice. Results of this study will also be available to participants.

Alina Morawska and Danielle Milne
Parenting and Family Support Centre

For more information about the study, please contact:

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newsflash@ferngrovss.eq.edu.au



UNIFORM STORE

Mon and Fri 8.00 am - 9.00 am

Christine Thompson, Convenor
0400 223 818

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.

Pre-booking of tickets is preferable as there will only be a limited number available for purchase on the night.

Allison Exley 0423 662 997

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, 13 May 2009 7.00 pm

All parents and carers are welcome and encouraged to attend the next OSHC Committee Meeting - 13 May. Your contribution and participation may be of benefit to your child/ren and others.

Lets work together and make it count.

Debby Brown
Chairperson

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC STUDENTS

Parents were sent a letter reminding them that the instrumental levy was overdue.

Please send the fees to school ASAP. Thanks to those who have already paid.

Shirabdi Gordon
Secretary IMPS



ROAD SAFETY

Join us on 15 May for 'Walk Safely to School Day'.

We will be walking from the following locations.

1. Cnr. of Samford and Settlement Roads
2. Cnr. of Rinavore and Bergin Roads
3. Station - Conavalla St.
4. Park on Leckmy Rd.
5. F.G.Bowls Club, Corner of Tramway and Samford Rd.
6. Cnr. McGregor Way and Teviot Close
7. Upper Kedron Park
8. Upper Kedron Hall

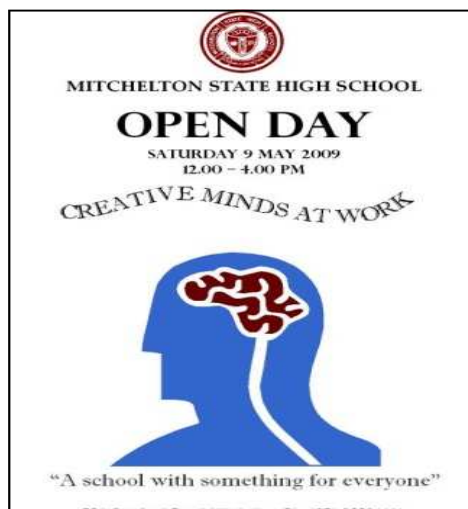
Time to meet — approx. 7.45 am

Parents, please join up for the walk.

Check next week's Newsflash for adults accompanying the groups and final details

Thank you for your support

Leanne Reid
Road Safety Coordinator



P & C NOTICEBOARD — next meeting Wednesday 20 MAY

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

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