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The School Report

Newsletter of Fernvale State School 1605 Brisbane Valley Highway Fernvale Qld 4306

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Dates are subject to change.

From the Principal

May I firstly congratulate Mrs Lovegrove and the four School Captains on their attendance and participation at the National Student Leader forum last week in Brisbane. In speaking with the School Leaders they were most excited and still buzzing from the experience. It was most humbling to hear Layla- Jade share her favourite highlight from the forum with me and the quote she will take away for a long time to remember. Well done Layla-Jade and all the School Leaders!

Congratulations to Mrs Wells and the lower years teaching teams on the wonderful work that you have commenced on the Age Appropriate Pedagogy professional development. For several hours after school last week every teacher and teacher aide along with Leadership Team staff joined to undertake this important work for our students. I am in awe of the amount of time and commitment our staff regularly put in above their normal teaching day to learn, reflect and look to implement new or refined practices to improve the teaching and learning for all students. Well done to all.

School Leader Badge ceremony

We wish our school leaders all the very best as they are formally inducted and presented with their Leadership Badge on Parade this Wednesday. Mrs Stacey Beau (Principal of Lowood State High) will be our special guest this year. CovidSafe measures and restrictions will be in place for this event.

John Fleming Consultancy

I am proud of our school's ability to continually learn and reflect on ways to better improve. Today, Mr John Fleming a national and leading authority on Explicit Instruction and school improvement, spent the day working with the Leadership Team and teams of teachers. Our focus on clear Explicit Instruction for all students has now waivered and we continue to look for self-improvement. I would like to thank Mr Fleming for his continued support of our school. We are indeed very fortunate to have such a leading authority to support our school as required.

Active and healthy students

It is wonderful to see opportunities for our students to be involved in physical activities. Being active greatly helps keeping healthy and supports many other elements like developing friendships, working as a team and commitment.

At present staff are running opportunities across our school for choir practice, cross country training and soon to be netball and soccer training for the older students.

Outside of school many sporting clubs and organisations have just (or about to) host sign on days. In our Fernvale and Lowood District we have many opportunities for young people to join up for soccer, rugby league for example and in Fernvale itself there are opportunities to join the Somerset Storm Netball Club and Brisbane Valley Rattlers AFL Club to name just a few. PCYC Fernvale also offers a range of sporting activities for our school community. It is not too late either to join up to the **free** Cricket Blast program that is being run by the Thunder Cricket Club every Monday afternoon from















4:30-5:30pm at the sports complex. There are many other sporting and cultural activities on offer for our young people and school community members. Get involved and see the benefits that come along with joining a club or organisation.

School partnerships

I am always looking for ways for our school to partner with other groups or organisations that can support our school community. May I remind you that the school has two such partnerships that are totally free and confidential to any community member not just students or families of our school.

Queensland Health continues to support us by way of the Child Health Clinic every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at our school Administration Block. Drop ins from 9:15am to 11:30am are invited for this **free** service that focuses on young children from 0-8 yrs with a particular focus on babies and young mums. No appointments are required any longer and drop ins are highly encouraged from any member of the local community.

I am also pleased to announced that Mission Australia are providing a free and confidential service to our school community. Mission Australia visit every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. Their next visit is this Wednesday 3 March. I would highly encourage any school community wishing to access this free service to make an appointment through the front office. Mission Australia has a wide and varied range of supports available from counselling, to supporting domestic violence victims, family budgeting, possible food vouchers, referrals to paediatricians and other specialists to name just a few ways that they may be able to help.

The school is proud to be able to offer these partnerships with Queensland Health and Mission Australia. Please ensure that if you require any support or are just unsure of what help you may need when required that you consider these services. If they are not utilised then sadly we may lose such a service to our community if numbers don't warrant such a service.

Kind regards David













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From the Deputy Principal - Kylie Wells

Welcome to another lovely week at Fernvale!

Fernvale State School is dedicated to working with parents as partners for success. Parent Teacher Interviews are an important time to communicate about your child's progress at school. This is an important time to work together to ensure the success of your child/ren. Our Semester One parent teacher interviews, for our Prep – Year 6 children, are booked online to occur Thursday 25 March between 3:15pm and 9:00pm. Information on how to book with your child's teacher is attached to this email.

Around the grounds....



It was lovely to celebrate Eli, Archer, Harrison and Evelyn who have been doing a wonderful job of following our Fernvale State School values - well done!







The above photos are our lovely 1A children participating in their daily reading groups. Targeted reading groups occur daily across our school. In Year 1 during this time, each group has an adult to support, scaffold and extend our children in their learning. These sessions are carefully planned by our teachers to respond to individual student needs, include continuous monitoring of learning and incorporating evidence based practices that we know will support/extend childrens reading. This is an important opportunity to not only target individual child's learning needs but possibly more importantly to build their confidence to see themselves as readers.

A way that you can support children as readers is to show children how fun reading can be!

Mem Fox's Ten Read Aloud Commandments

- 1. Spend at least ten wildly happy minutes every single day reading aloud.
- 2. Read at least three stories a day: it may be the same story three times. Children need to hear a thousand stories before they can begin to learn to read.
- 3. Read aloud with animation. Listen to your own voice and don't be dull, or flat, or boring. Hang loose and be loud, have fun and laugh a lot.
- 4. Read with joy and enjoyment: real enjoyment for yourself and great joy for the listeners.
- 5. Read the stories that the kids love, over and over again, and always read in the same 'tune' for each book: i.e. with the same intonations on each page, each time.
- 6. Let children hear lots of language by talking to them constantly about the pictures, or anything else connected to the book; or sing any old song that you can remember; or say nursery rhymes in a bouncy way; or be noisy together doing clapping games.
- 7. Look for rhyme, rhythm or repetition in books for young children, and make sure the books are really short.
- 8. Play games with the things that you and the child can see on the page, such as letting kids finish rhymes, and finding the letters that start the child's name and yours, remembering that it's never work, it's always a fabulous game.
- 9. Never ever teach reading, or get tense around books.
- 10. Please read aloud every day, mums and dads, because you just love being with your child, not because it's the right thing to do.

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Have a lovely week!

Kylie







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From the Deputy Principal - Sam Lovegrove

On Wednesday 24th February I had the pleasure of escorting Jason L School Captain, Mya B School Captain, Samuel T School Vice-Captain and Layla Jade A School Vice-Captain to the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre for National Young Leaders Day. It was an AMAZING day and experience.



National Young Leaders Day is a very large annual event that gathers student leaders from across Australia.



This event exists to inspire and influence our generation of young people to lead themselves and others well.

What does it mean to lead well?

We have been discussing this question as a School Captain team. We decided how we lead ourselves and others in any kind of situation reveals a large part of who we are as people. We agreed as leaders we need to continuously model positive behaviours, be calm and continuously listen.

Who our leaders are as people (whether they be prime ministers, parents or School Captains), determines the size and shape of the home, school, country and world we live in.

Questions about HOW and WHY we influence the people around us were a major part of our thoughts on the day.

We listened and reflected on a range of inspirational speakers;

GOVERNOR-GENERAL DAVID HURLEY: His Excellency was sworn in as the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia on 1 July 2019.

DARIUS BOYD: QLD rugby league superstar.

ANASTASIA WOOLMER: Australian 'Memory' Champion who featured on the popular 'Survivor' TV series.

LACHIE SMART: World record breaker, becoming the youngest person to fly solo around the world at just 18 years of age.

JOSH PYKE: ARIA award winning musician and author.

We were lucky enough to personally meet two of the presenters Josh Pyke and Darius Boyd! YAY!











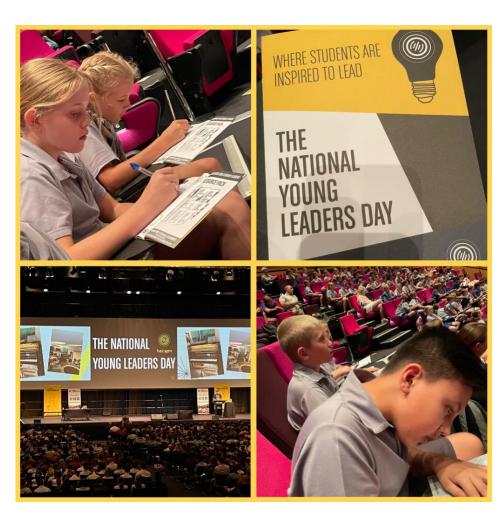
Even though over 2000 students were in attendance on the day, we got the microphone and spoke in front of the whole crowd! GO FERNVALE!

We were thrilled that Jason L School Captain was invited to ask a question to Darius Boyd.

Well done Jason!

<<<Movie of Jason>>>>



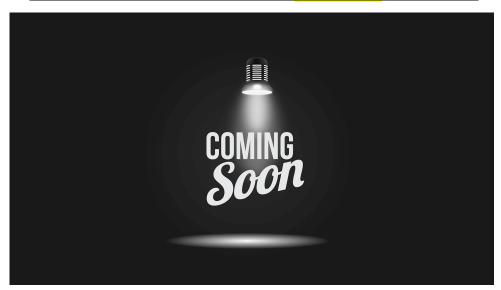


Well done Jason, Mya, Samuel and Layla for being excellent representatives for our school.

A big thank you and well done to the House Captains Lawson R, Lachlan T, Chloe S and Esther W for leading the whole school parade whilst the School Captains were at the National Leader Day. Everyone was very impressed, well done House Captains. You are amazing!

We look forward to acknowledging all of the 2021 Student Leader Team at the Student Leader Badge parade on Wednesday 3rd March.

Whole School Positive Behaviour: GOLD PASS & Postcards



We have agreed at Fernvale State School we positively acknowledge all students from Year Prep – Year 6 in a positive 'free & frequent' universal, school-wide, consistent approach. This process will be launched across the whole school on Monday 8th March.



Our student leaders are having fun working on a promotional iTrailer to promote the launch of our renovated **GOLD PASS**. Watch this space, the iTrailer will be released to the whole school to view in classrooms during week 7. We are so excited!

Have a wonderful week. Sam

From the Head of Special Education – Karen Mahon

The ABC's of Inclusive Education

- All children regardless of ability or disability, learn together in the same age appropriate classroom.
- Based on the belief that all children are valued equally and deserve access to the same opportunities.
- Children with disabilities, and those without, often achieve greater academic gains in inclusive classrooms.

In Addition:

- Class Teachers and specialists work together in the classroom, meaning additional support for all students.
- Teachers use a variety of techniques and resources to connect with individual learning styles.
- The focus is on each student's abilities, not disabilities.
- Many inclusive classrooms follow the principles of Universal Design for Learning (UDL).
- ❖ Teachers learn too how to deliver differentiated curriculum and instruction.
- Inclusive education helps change discriminatory attitudes, reverse stigmas around disabilities.
- Inclusive classrooms foster attitudes of respect, understanding and empathy.
- Inclusive education aims to better prepare all students for real-world success.





Inclusion Hub:

The Inclusion Hub is an alternative option for children to attend before school and for Eating Breaks and/or Play Breaks. A large number of children attend the Inclusion Hub voluntarily and/or for support reasons (social, emotional, sensory, transition support). Every child is encouraged to bring a friend.



Other School Matters

School Office Hours

The School Office is open from 8am to 3:30pm Monday to Friday

Arts Council – Three Words

Arts Council – Three Words for Prep – Yr6 payment of \$5.50 per child payment via Qkr by Friday 12th March

5MC & 5/6SB Planetarium Excursion

Forms and payment of \$25.50 via BPOINT or to the office by 5th March.

Bullying No Way Day!

This year our school will once again be supporting the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence on **Friday 19th March**. All school community members are encouraged to wear orange on this day. Students do not need to bring a donation for this day. For more information on this National Day of Action https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/ We thank you for your support of this very important day!

The MAGIC WORDS

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Sports News

Lockyer Netball Trials are on Monday 8th March. Please see Mrs Raine in the office for Nomination paperwork.

Tuckshop News

During school terms, the Tuckshop is open every day. Without the support of our wonderful volunteers this service would not be possible, so we ask- can you please volunteer? This is a great opportunity to meet other parents and to familiarise yourself with the school environment.

If you can assist, we would be most grateful. Thank you and we look forward to meeting you. <u>Lisa Allan – Tuckshop</u> Convenor M: 0439 546 213 or 07 5427 1333 E: fernvaless.tuckshop@gmail.com

Chess News

The Chess keeps on ramping up here at Fernvale!

All the classes are enthusiastically engaged in their **weekly Chess lessons** and learning about various topics... the Year 2's are loving their Rules and mini-games and the Year 4's are impressively building their skills at reading and writing Chess moves (Chess notation), which will enable them to access ALL the Chess games ever played! The **Chess Extension Group** is up on running with a small group of our advanced players receiving instruction on a Monday afternoon.

The Chess Club continues to go from strength to strength with 53 children now 'on the books'. The latest group winners were: Jason L G1; Abbie G G2, Kayden L G3; Hunter BM G5; Maggie W G6; Tayla P G7; Luke P G8; Brooke W G9 and Alex N G11... awesome effort from those children!

Parents are asked to remind their children attending this Club to ensure that they have eaten, had a drink and been to the toilet before the games commence... to ensure a smooth experience for all.

This afternoon, the paperwork for the upcoming **Brisbane West Zone Chess** competition is being processed... we have well over 25 children putting their hand up for what should be a great learning opportunity at **IGS in Week 8 (17th of March)**.

Also and finally, on the weekend the **March edition of the QLD Junior Rating List** was released. Dr. David McKinnon does an amazing (voluntary) job in running this state-wide system, which provides the children with a clear measure of their standing and improvement.

First, we welcome **Lincoln AA from 6F** who has gained a rating (after much effort) of 521... congratulations Lincoln!

Also, we acknowledge two of our Chess Stars **Jason L and Henry McD** who impressively improved their ratings by approximately 40 points to 1219 and 586 respectively, thereby making the '**Most Improved in QLD** list! Well done to them and to have 2 children on this list is a fantastic achievement for Fernvale SS!

Out of the 20 Chess Stars who have a rating, 15 of them played games in the last rating period and 10 of those 15 improved their rating... amazing effort!!!

Thank you,

Mr. Geoff Butler

Fundraising is BACK!!!

Welcome to the first fundraiser for 2021. Prizes are shown below and tickets can be bought from our student leaders at 1:30pm in the undercover area or at the office, for \$2 each, 3 for \$5 or 10 for \$10 with the money going towards sporting equipment for our school.

Mr Grassick



Fundraiser 1 – 2021

<u>1st Prize</u> – Brisbane Heat Shirt (Size 10)

2nd Prize – Brisbane Broncos Shirt (Size 10)

3rd Prize - QLD State of Origin Scarf

4th Prize – Brisbane Heat Cap

5th Prize - QLD State of Origin Footy

6th & 7th Prizes – QLD State of Origin Drink Bottles

8th & 9th Prizes – QLD State of Origin Stubbie Coolers











P &C AGM Notice

Our Annual General Meeting is at 6.30 pm in the Administration Building on March 15th. P&C executives are elected for the 2021 year. This meeting lasts approximately 20 minutes and will be followed by a general monthly meeting. Come and make new friends and be a part of making a difference at our school.

Our P&C for 2020 was 8 parents. With over 550 students in the school, we would like to see the team grow!

Any expressions to nominate for an executive position can be emailed to the Secretary at least 7 days prior to the AGM. We invite you to express your interest. Nominations can also occur at the meeting verbally. Both options are acceptable. Email: secretaryfernvaless@gmail.com Thank you Elizabeth Nemeth



Day: Tuesday - Thursday

Time: 3.00 – 3.30 pm Place: PEEL HOUSE Who: Year 1 - 6

Are you having trouble getting your homework done on time? Do you need someone to explain things a little more?

THEN... Homework Club is the place for you!

Please note: Children need to be picked up by a Parent/Carer from the Admin Gate at 3.30pm.

Please contact Jodi Eugster if you have any queries.

Community Notices



Women's, Children & Family Service.

Announcing 2021 Changes to Fernvale Well Baby Clinic. Now

Drop-In clinic.

When: 1st & 3rd Thursday of the Month in school

term only. (At Lowood Community Centre on

alternate weeks and holidays.)

Time: From 9:15am - 1130am

Venue: Fernvale State School, 1605 Brisbane

Valley H'way, Fernvale.

Enquiries: Freecall 1800 607 030 or (07) 38172340







