



The School Report

Newsletter of Fernvale State School
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Dates to Remember

March

- 3 Leadership Badge Ceremony
- 4 5S & 5P Planetarium Excursion
- 10 5MC & 5/6SB Planetarium Excursion
- 15 P&C AGM
- 17 Arts Council –Three Magic Words
- 19 Orange Day- Bullying No Way
- 25 Parent Teacher Interviews
- 26 Cross Country

April

- 1 K-3 Easter Hat Parade
- 1 Last day Term 1

Further school date claimers will be added once finalised.

Dates are subject to change.

From the Principal

Thank you to the school community for an extremely well attended P&C meeting last Monday evening. I was truly appreciative of the honest conversation around several elements including Before and After School Care, School Strategic Plans and Whole School Behaviour Support program update. It is only when there is true consultation and collaboration between parties that solid foundations of trust and action can occur. Again thank you for the high attendance and honest discussions.

I am so pleased that already there has been some parent uptake in the use of the Qkr online payment system. It has been reported that this mobile app was an extremely easy process to install and to make actual payment. Like any new system or process that is implemented there is bound to be some minor “hiccups” or uncertainty. Should you have any concerns or queries at all, please do not hesitate to call the ladies in the office for assistance or Mrs Ogg in particular.

Last week you should have received by email a parent help sheet on how to pay using BPOINT if sent an invoice from the school for whole class events in addition to a Youtube link on how to use Qkr. The school also sent a further helpful guide for parents on how to install Qkr and pay using this app. Please find attached to

this newsletter a further “quick guide” to support parents in using this Qkr to help make it a simple and stress free process for you. Please note that the building of this app is a piece of work in progress and some items may not be available as yet but will be added shortly.

Congratulations

Well done to Kade in Yr 5 for qualifying for the Met West Primary Schools Swimming Trial. We are extremely proud of your achievement Kade. Well done.

School Leader Badge Ceremony

On 3 March we will hold a special parade to acknowledge our School Leaders and present their leadership badge to each leader. This is a special moment in the lives of our leaders and their families and for our school community. After parade the parents of the school leaders will be invited to afternoon tea with staff and the leaders. Social distancing and Covid Safe measures will be enforced for all adults in attendance.

Parent/Carer Contact details

From time to time it is important that we make contact with parents and carers regarding a child. The reasons may be varied including that of sickness or other emergent reasons. This task can be made extremely difficult or not at all if the school does not have current contact details. May I please ask that if you have changed your mobile or home phone number, changed residential address or simply changed your email address then please provide the new contact details to the ladies in the office. Your support in this regards will be greatly appreciated.

Kind regards
David

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Is your child not at school today?

Whether they are sick, at an appointment
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From the Deputy Principal - Kylie Wells

What a wonderful week at Fernvale SS!

Last week our beautiful Prep-Year 3 Teachers and Teacher Aides attended professional development in Age-appropriate Pedagogies (AAP). Age-appropriate pedagogies are shaping teaching and learning in the early years of school now and into the future.

Age-appropriate pedagogies support early years teachers to apply a range and balance of teaching approaches and characteristics of quality teaching in their classroom practice. Teachers are supported to align curriculum, age-appropriate pedagogies and assessment to maximise children's engagement in learning and to enhance outcomes.

We know that children learn best when they are actively engaged in purposeful learning experiences. The Australian Curriculum clearly defines what is to be taught, and teachers use their knowledge of children's interests, strengths and capabilities to identify the most effective way to teach curriculum content.



We are so excited to be focussing on this journey initially with our early years staff and children. We also look forward to our ongoing partnerships with our Metropolitan Early Years and AAP Coaches. Individual staff coaching commences this week initially with our Prep Teachers.

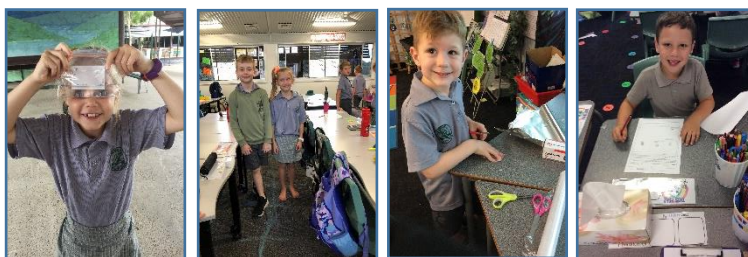
Around the grounds this week...

2M are so excited about their Daily Writing. It is so exciting to see these children so proud of their progress.

2E are busy testing materials in science in search of water resistant materials

3M are drawing and practising large numbers on their number lines

1/2G are focussed on observing and recording the properties of materials and conducting a fair tests



Have a great week!

Kylie

Arts Council Visit

Our first whole school performance for the year is 'The Magic Words' a Brainstorm production.



Term 1
P-6 Arts Council Visit

The Magic Words

When: Wed 17 March
Cost: \$5.50 per child
money due Friday
13 March



Date: 17 March 2021

Cost: \$5.50 per student – payment via Qkr or to the office

A live performance that inspires children to face life's difficulties with kindness and compassion.

Rolf and Rhiannon embark on a journey that requires them to interact with teachers, parents and other students. They soon discover that true happiness is found through connecting with others, giving and receiving respect, being kind and cooperating to reach a goal.

Through song and dance your students will learn how manners and respect are celebrated around the world.

Click on the picture for more details 😊

Fernvale State School
says no to bullying!



**National Day
of Action** against
Bullying and Violence

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From the Deputy Principal – Sam Lovegrove

What a wonderful week! It's a privilege to be able to connect further with staff, students, parents/carers as we move through the term. I am so proud to be part of such a beautiful school.



We have exciting news! The upgraded **GOLD PASS** stamp card and student designed postcards have been approved by staff and the P&C.

Week 7 is our launch week!

GOLD PASS packs will be given to every classroom teacher on **Monday 8th March!** The class packs will include a GOLD PASS for every student, a star stamp for the teacher, a selection of the 5 printed postcards.

Student Leaders

The focus for our student leader meeting this week was to select from the wonderful student postcard designs from across the school. The Fernvale student designed postcards will be printed and used as part of our consistent whole school positive behaviour acknowledgement system.

Student leaders, Mrs Zabel and Ms Fraser carefully looked at the designs from across the school and selected 5 designs, one for each of our school values:

Fernvale Values

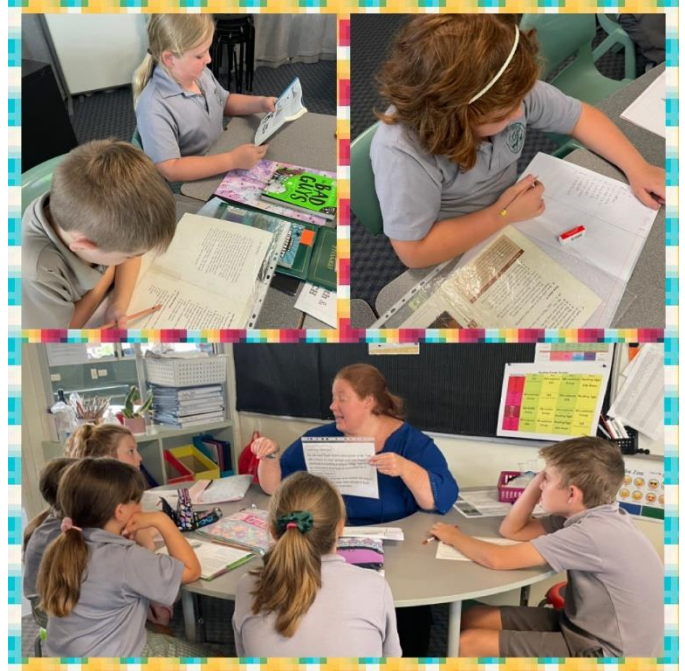
Honesty, Acceptance, Respect, Responsibility and Courage



We will be announcing the selected postcard designs and designers (students) in week 7. The selected designs have been sent to the professional printers! We can't wait to see the finished product.

4L Noun Groups

This week 4L were reading a Roald Dahl's description of Mr Twit and identifying noun-groups. Well done 4L!



Chess Fun

It's a pleasure to see so many students having games of Chess before school.

Up to 32 students a day visit the Chess room before school. It's been great to be invited to play and be challenged by a few students. Chess is a game I've been playing since my childhood.

Thank you Mr Butler for inspiring our students to be passionate Chess players and creative thinkers. Well done!



We love office visitors who are proud of their learning efforts. Brodie P and Lucas P from 6Z came to visit the school office this week with their amazing multiplication challenge. Well done Brodie and Lucas. Great work!

Have a wonderful week Fernvale.
Warm regards
Sam

From the Head of Special Education – Karen Mahon



Assistive technology can support teachers to provide teaching and learning that is accessible to all students at Fernvale State School. Assistive technology supports students with diverse learning needs within an inclusive learning environment by:

- Delivering information to students in a way that is more appropriate to their needs.
- Changing the way a student can interact with the curriculum and their environment.
- Providing a more appropriate and accessible way for students to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of the curriculum.

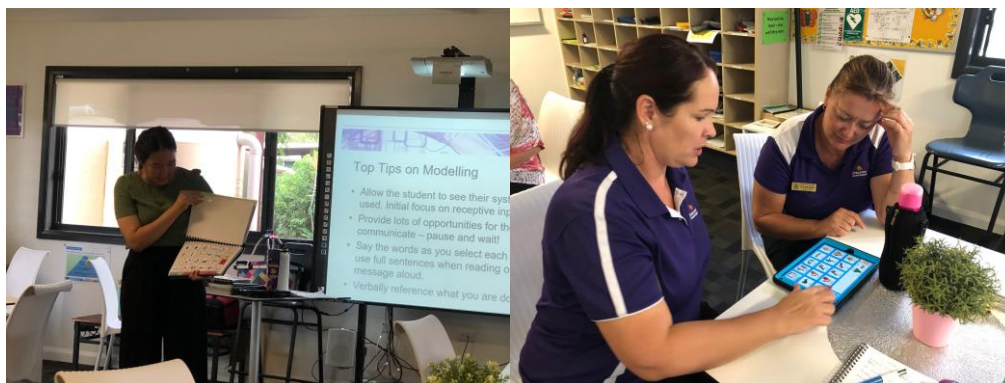


Augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) is an example of assistive technology. AAC encompasses the communication methods used to supplement or replace speech or writing for those with impairments in the production or comprehension of spoken or written language.

Fernvale SS has students who use Pragmatic Organisation Dynamic Display (PODD) and Key Word Sign (KWS) as an AAC. Fernvale State School staff regularly have the opportunity to participate in professional development opportunities to develop and enhance their skills to support our students. PODD and KWS are two recent examples of the PD that staff recently participated in last week.



- PODD is normally a book or device that contains symbols and words to support communication between people with complex communication needs and their communication partners, whether that's family, friends, teaching staff or support staff.



- Key Word Sign (KWS) is used to encourage and support language development in children and adults with communication difficulties.



Have a fantastic Week 5!

Karen

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 or to the office 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!

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



1st Prize – 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





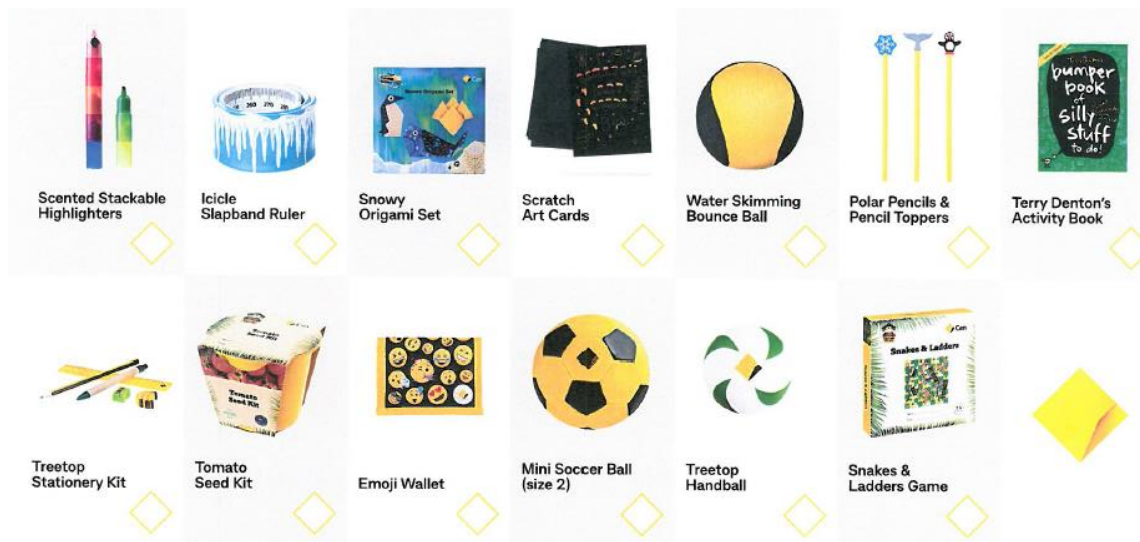
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Fernvale State School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way to help teach your child about money. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2021 are:



Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

1. Online

Visit www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

2. In branch

Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver's licence and birth certificate. If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

School Banking day is Thursday.

Each week you need to put your Dollarmites wallet including completed deposit slip and money into the banking bag in the classroom.

If you would like to know more about School Banking there is a 2021 School Banking program parent guide available at www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

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

Homework Club
is back!



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

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