



Fernleigh Public School

NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 Week 8

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Staff News and Updates

It's hard to believe Term 3 is nearly complete! It has been a fantastic term filled with learning, growth and exciting activities. From engaging classroom projects to overnight excursion, our students have shown amazing enthusiasm and resilience. We are so proud of all they have achieved and look forward to the final term of the year!

Staff News and Updates

We have a few upcoming changes to our staff.

This Thursday will be Miss Sexton's last day before she begins her maternity leave, and we are all excited for her as she prepares to welcome her baby! We are pleased to welcome Miss Jade Herwig, who will be joining us in the Turtles room from Monday and staying with us for the rest of the year.

In addition, Mrs Farrell will be travelling for the next four weeks, with Miss Kristen Pearson stepping in to cover her in the office from Tuesday to Thursday in Weeks 9 and 10.

We wish both Miss Sexton and Mrs Farrell all the best, and we are confident that Miss Herwig and Miss Pearson will do a fantastic job supporting the students and the school.



What's Happening

When	What
Term 3	
Fri 27 September	Last day of Term 3
Term 4	
Mon 14 October	First day Term 4 for staff and students
Tues 22 October	P&C Meeting
Thurs 24 October	Sushi Day
Tues 5 November Tues 12 November Thurs 21 November	Kindy Transition
28 November	Sushi Day
Tues 3 December	BBHS Year 7 Orientation Day
Thurs 12 December	End of Year Presentation Day
Mon 16 December	Outside School Activity Day (TBA)
Wed 18 December	Last day of Term 4 for all students

Election Day Fundraiser

This Saturday is local election day, and our P&C will be hosting a sausage sizzle and cake stall at the local polling booth @ the Newrybar Hall. If you are able to lend a hand on the day please add your name to the roster or contact the P&C. We would appreciate any baking to be dropped off to the school Friday afternoon or on Saturday at the Hall.

Your support is greatly appreciated, and all proceeds will go towards helping our school!

Together We Grow 'Stronger and Smarter'

Celebration of Books

We had a great time at our annual Book Character Parade and morning tea! It was awesome to see all the students dressed up as their favourite book characters, proudly showing off their creative costumes to friends, teachers, and family. From classic heroes to new favourites, the variety of characters was fantastic, and the students (and a couple of parents) did a brilliant job bringing their characters to life! A huge thank you to all the parents who helped with costumes and to those who came to watch. The kids loved having you there to cheer them on!

We are also excited to announce that our Scholastic Book Fair was a great success, earning the school \$285 worth of books for our library. Thank you for your support! Visit the [Fernleigh PS website gallery](#) for more photos.



Unforgettable Sunshine Coast Overnight Excursion Experience!

What a jam packed two days Fernleigh students had at the Sunshine Coast last week. With a successful departure, leaving early Tuesday morning our first destination was the Buderim Ginger Factory. Not only did we learn about growing and processing ginger in the factory, we enjoyed a train ride, a little boat ride full of surprises, ate ginger ice cream and enjoyed a lovely lunch.

Our students ... and teachers then strapped into a harness to tackle the high ropes at Maroochydore where we certainly did challenge ourselves. It was typical Fernleigh spirit where we encouraged and cheered for each other, while some tiptoed through it, others overcame fears and literally scaled new heights.

We ended the day by settling into the 'Sea Life Aquarium', where we had the whole place to ourselves. We were spoilt with private tours, having the opportunity to pat some of the sea life (not the scary ones) which included gentle creatures like starfish and sea cucumbers.

One of the highlights was being taken behind the scenes to the shark, stingray and turtle tanks. There we learned about the incredible work done to rehabilitate sick and injured turtles seeing first hand how these marine animals are cared for and we gained an understanding of the inner workings of the aquarium. We were also mesmerised by the colourful glow in the dark Jellyfish that danced for us.

After a Pizza dinner, which only touched the sides, we all eagerly set up our beds in the aquarium tunnel where the stingrays, sharks, and fish swam peacefully above us. We wondered if they were as fascinated by us as we were of them. As we lay down gazing above us, some nodded off straight away, others took the mighty tour to the toilets more than once, some needed a riveting story from Mrs G, a back pat from Mrs Reid or a little more time to spy the creatures above. In the end we did get some sleep and were up bright and early at 6am ready to pack up, have breakfast and enjoy more of the aquarium. On our morning tour we had time to watch the cute little penguins and learn about their habits and feeding. We were also delighted to meet Salty the Seal and get up close to receive a wave where he showed off his skills of walking up stairs and dancing.

Our last destination was Australia Zoo and crikey wasn't it a great morning of activity and admiration of the different animals. Ocka the cockatoo was a real crack up with his impersonations, Dougal the koala was soft and quiet and Spikey the echidna was not as spikey to touch as we thought. The kangaroos really didn't want our food at all and took off at the sight of us but we continued on to watch the magnificent tigers and elephants, and lastly we were amazed at the crocodile and bird show.

Once we were all accounted for and our legs had come to a stop, we hopped back on the bus for the very long journey home. However with music bopping, some karaoke, more stories and road trip games our journey back home was full of fun and laughter.

What an unforgettable adventure! This trip will certainly be one that our Fernleigh students and teachers will cherish for years to come.

To view all the photos, please visit the [Fernleigh PS website gallery](#).



Below is a little snippet of the action at the Sunshine Coast. To view the full collection of photos, head over to the gallery on the Fernleigh PS website.



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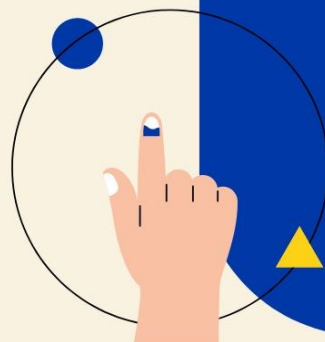
Newrybar Community Hall is a voting centre for this years local election day. Voting will be held from 8am-6pm in our beautiful hall.

Fernleigh Public School will also be holding a bake sale and sausage sizzle from 9am-2pm.



**ELECTION DAY
SEPT 14TH 2024**

Electoral precincts are wheelchair accessible.



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TO VOTE!**