Dear Parents, Students & Staff

Farnborough School celebrated National Ride to School Day in style with a number of students, from Prep to year 7, riding their horses to school. These students had an early start, saddling up at 6am in the morning, and arriving at school around 8.30am in spectacular style. The students were accompanied by two of our teachers and a number of parents. Thank you to Miss McKee for organising this ride and to the local landowners who gave permission for the ride to go across their properties.

We had a record number of bikes on the school bikes racks as well!

This week, students will be awarded house spirit points for excellent school attendance. Our attendance rate for Term 1 (up until yesterday) stands at 93%. This is a slight improvement from last year, but still well short of the 95% we are aiming for. Thankfully the majority of our students have good attendance, and 46% attended school 100% of the time. There are still a worrying number of children who are frequently absent. While it is valid to stay at home when ill, many students take time off for holidays or shopping in school time, making it difficult for them to catch up on school work covered by their classmates. Over the rest of this week, teachers will be busy testing students to get assess learning and prepare learning groups for next term. Having all students at school will help this to happen.

Don’t forget your runners on Thursday where you can join in our Cross Country run.

Have a safe and happy Easter holiday and we will see everyone back in Term 2.

Carol Butler-Mader (Principal)

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Helping Our Children.
Helpful information from the HOC. (Head of Curriculum)

Do we really need to learn our maths facts?
Many parents and students ask why in today’s day and age – with calculators and computers – do we really need to rote learn basic addition, subtraction, multiplication and division facts? The answer is YES!
Basic maths facts are the simple maths problems that children need to ‘just know’. For example, 4+5=9, 10-4=6, 4x9=36 and 15÷3=5.

A student’s ability to quickly recall the basic facts is the key to future success in maths. When students are able to quickly and accurately provide answers to the basic facts it enables them to free up their working memory allowing them to devote it to problem solving and learning new concepts and skills. Quite simply, a lack of fluency in basic math fact recall significantly hinders a child’s subsequent progress with problem-solving, algebra and higher-order math concepts. (Geary, 1994).

Basic maths facts are the basis for higher-level maths concepts. Skills such as calculating large numbers, counting money, telling the time and measuring are all made easier if a student has mastered their maths facts. If a student needs to spend a lot of time calculating the basic facts during these situations they are more likely to get confused with the process and make errors.
Math anxiety starts when children fall behind and can’t keep up. To avoid these anxieties, students’ in the early years should focus on learning the basic maths skills needed for later years – maths facts are among those important maths skills.

[Link to article]

Encourage your child to practice their facts regularly; they require a lot of practice to reach the stage that they are able to automatically recall facts quickly.
Use our school subscription to Ideal Resources to access some fun online games to help them.

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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Year 1LM
Neve G for working conscientiously in the classroom
Kaius S for working hard with his sentence writing.

Year 2
Shya A for being a happy helpful class member.
Bonnie B for working very hard and being good at following instructions.

GREEN CLUB NEWS
As the end of term draws closer, I am worried that we have some gaps in our chook roster for the holidays. At the moment we only have 5 chooks and all you have to commit to is one day when you let them out in the morning, feed and put them away at the end of the day. SIMPLE and FUN! Please find me in the garden on Wednesday to sign up.

The rain was torrential and has led to some crops rotting! The potatoes cannot be planted until the ground has dried out and more seeds need to be planted before the holidays. So—come along on Wednesday from 3 — 4pm and give some time to ensure that we can do some cooking in Term 2!

Thanks to all the amazing green clubbers this term it’s been AWESOME. How much we have done—and what good team players you all are. I really appreciate you all!
Pam

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
REMINDER:- The Uniform Shop’s opening hours is now Tuesday afternoons from 2:45pm—3:30pm. Please note also the price of Footy socks has increased to $10 a pair now.
Johanna

BOOKS, BOOKS and MORE BOOKS!!!
We have received another supply of classroom readers. If you can help us to cover these books please call into the library and collect a pile to take home or if you like you can stay with a group of friends, have a cuppa and cover the books here.
Thanks

RIDE to SCHOOL
On Wednesday the 19th of March 2014 my mum and I rode to school on our bikes. We drove to the end of Millview Road and then rode past the Farnborough Store to the school. It was fun!!! I put my bike on the bike rack. That was the first time I had ridden to school. I loved it. The reason I have not ridden to school before is because we live 20km away and all I have ever wanted to do is to ride to school. Now I have and I hope I can do it again. My sister and I also did some extra riding on our block of land where our house is going to be built.
By Indiana Jinette Year 4/5

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RUGBY LEAGUE DEVELOPMENT CUP
At time of writing this a proposed suitable date has yet to be sorted out between all schools. Once the date/s have been finalised all parents involved will be informed through a note sent home with their son(s).

FSS XC FUN RUN
Hopefully this will still go ahead on Thursday as we are definitely preparing for such. So, keep collecting those donations kids, but more importantly keep nagging those family members to come along and have a run in one of the scheduled events.

9.15 am approx. RACE SCHEDULE 1 –Serious Cross Country runners from 9yrs to 12/13 yrs –Boys /Girls -staggered starts –Total distance -2km – STUDENTS ONLY IN THIS RACE!

10.00am approx. RACE SCHEDULE 2 –XC Fun Run for students 8yrs to 5yrs –Boys/ Girls –Staggered Starts –Total Distance 1 km –PARENTS/SUPPORTERS / OLDER SIBLINGS MAY JOIN IN HERE (Bonus points)

10.30am approx. RACE SCHEDULE 3 –FUN RUN for students 9yrs to 12/13 yrs –only 1km –all equal points –no placegetter points –Family/Supporters and Runners from Race Schedule 1 may also run/skip/hop/jog/dance in this event

Hope to see as many come along on the day –Don’t forget your sandshoes and your sweat bands!!!

PLEASE NOTE: Tea, Coffee, Cake and a Sausage Sizzle will be operating on the day.

  * Sausage on bread — $2.00
  * Tea & Coffee — $1.50
  * Cake — $1.50

RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY
We had a number of families involve themselves in this extra bit of physical activity through this week. It was pleasing to see the horse riders little article in the local paper. As I drove home each afternoon from work it was pleasing to see a number of little violet crumble uniformed munchkins with their parents involving themselves in all sorts of physical activities along the main beachfront esplanade. I know we had a few families complete our little tear off section and I will be following up with some little “prizes” to these students. Thanks to Jordan Mc for donating these goodies to the school.

YR 6/7 CAMP
This event is to take place WEEK 6 –NEXT TERM . All paperwork will be sent home with your child during the first week back in Term 2. Parents who volunteered to attend as assistants will be notified this week. Thanks.

QLD LITTLE A’S VISITOR
Today many of our students had a T & F lesson with Gerrard Keating from Qld Little A’s. Besides the students learning something I have no doubts that I too will learn some new tricks of the trade! Don’t forget if you are interested in your child being involved in little A’s sign on is here at FSS on Saturday April 6th. More info in Community notices.

Have a great relaxing but healthy Easter break –and go steady on the eggs!

Margie

COMMUNICATION DIRECTORY
Reminder to parents to please return your communication directory forms before the Easter holidays. Thanks Claire Thompson.
**P&C NEWS**

Good news, the position of Secretary on our P&C will be filled. A big thank you to Karlene Pass who has offered to take on this vital role.

**This Thursday morning is the Cross Country Carnival.**

*Bring your money along to purchase a raffle ticket.*

*We will be drawing the winner of the Easter Hamper during this event.*

*P&C Members will be cooking a Sausage Sizzle and there will also be Coffee, Tea and Cake for sale.*

Thank you to those who have donated to our Easter Hamper. We will be accepting donations up to end of school Wednesday, these can be delivered to the office.

Another Country Fair Meeting was held last Friday morning at ‘Flour’ Café. An enthusiastic group of people are gradually bringing our event to life. We have heaps of new ideas and have started sourcing our sponsorship, donations and prizes. If you can help with leads in this area then please come forward and let us know.

Please read the note below from Kathy King who is sourcing volunteers for our stalls at the Fair.

Hope everyone enjoys the Easter break.

**Michelle McCann – P&C President – 0438 283 342**

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**COUNTRY FAIR STALLS**

Our annual Country Fair is only 3 months away….on Sunday 27th July. To all our new families this event is a wonderful day involving a variety of stalls, displays, entertainment, food, rides and great company.

Each class has a stall on the day and these will be finalised next term. If you are able to assist with organising/convening or helping out on the day, please make contact with the class teacher. Each parent is asked to try to give 30 minutes of their time to work on at least one stall on the day.

All the other stalls require a parent to coordinate them, but this does not mean you have to provide any of the products or even ‘man’ the stall on the day. You only need to organise the goods coming in for the stall and collate the list of happy helpers to work for 30 mins each on that stall at the Fair. Many of our parents who have filled these roles over the past years had their last year at FSS in 2013 or have a child moving on to high school next year…so we need some new blood!! I am one of those newbies to the Fair organisation – please join me! Let me know if you think you could help.

Some stalls do require donations of items, so if you are keen to get organised over the Easter break here is a list of some of the things we will be asking for:

- **small toys, stickers, pencils, hair ties** etc - things that will fit into a brown paper bag for the Lucky Bags;
- **jams, marmalades, cakes, biscuits** etc for the Cake Stall (or cooking ingredients that someone else could use to bake something);
- **small and large soft cuddly toys**
  (can be second hand if in good, clean condition) for Side Show Alley;
- **pot plants, herbs, fruit and vegetables** for the Plant & Produce Stall;
- **books and magazines** for the Second Hand Book Stall;
- **sewing, gift cards, knitting, woodwork, paintings** etc
  (anything hand-made) for the Craft Stall;
- **all unwanted household items**
  (in good condition, NOT electrical) for the White Elephant Stall;
- **packets of wrapped lollies** for the Lolly Baskets.

A lot more information will be in the newsletters in Term 2.

*Kathy King - 0400 681 442*