Another very successful swimming carnival was held last Tuesday. Although it was a hot day and attendance was down, those students who took part had a great day.

Congratulations to our age champions, Emily, Shae, Caitlin, Jordan, Finn, Slater and Mason and to the overall carnival winners, Bluebottles. Thank you to Margie for your organisation of this event and the staff and parents who helped on the day.

Meanwhile our Year 2 students celebrated their hard work for the year with Fun Friday. There was much excitement with pizza in the kitchen for dinner, some dancing, a treasure hunt and a movie complete with popcorn. Thank you to Miss McKee and Miss Coucom for organising this event.

Congratulations to Tyson, who has been awarded a number of trophies for his expertise in go-c carting.

Thanks to the P&C and volunteer uniform shop staff. Special thanks to Johanna Kitchener and Del Heindrich who have been our convenors for many years and to Jordin Wiltshire who has taken over this year. Their help allows us to keep uniform costs down for families. The P&C are planning a refurbishment of the archive room to build a bigger and better uniform shop. Karen Solley has kindly drawn plans and the job is open for tender from qualified builders to do the work. If you would like to receive tender documents for this job, please contact the office to register. Tender documents will be available from tomorrow and will be due by 3pm on 17 December 2015. It is anticipated that the work will be completed early in the new year.

Carol Butler – Mader (Principal)

FOR SALE BY TENDER  
(to be sold separately)

- 7 small green plastic chairs with metal legs.
- 1 purple "hand" couch
- Small child’s wardrobe (on Prep Y veranda)

Please forward your tender price to the school office by this Friday 4th December 2015.
Student of the Week Awards

Prep Purple
Ashleigh S for clever and creative Art.
Arwen W for an excellent attitude “I try my best and never give up.”

Prep Yellow
Cory B for trying hard when sounding out.
Zac B for trying hard when sounding out.

Year 1 Purple
Angel L for her best effort in her writing this week.
Madalyn H for her enthusiasm in class discussions.

Year 1 Yellow
Jack J for Fabulous effort s at our rehearsals for the Christmas concert. You are working hard.
Eskarina H-P for consistent efforts all year in homework and home reading.
Mariska W for being an organised helpful class member. Great work!

Year 2
Ava D for showing kindness and consideration at our fun afternoon.
Grace McA for 100% attendance this year.

Year 3
Dayna G for being an impressive oral speaker!
Leah R for her great improvement in spelling.

Year 3 / 4
Tyson J for a big improvement in your handwriting.
Jasmaine McL for completing a 2 star homework. Way to go Jasmaine.

Year 4
Lily P for great effort in homework.
Kelsey S for being a good friend.

Year 5
Archie W for attention to detail in portrait drawing.
Kyra P for creating an interesting Geography board game.

Year 5/6
Amelia S for always listening to instructions and working diligently on all tasks.
Fergus C for always participating in classroom discussions with maturity and humour.

Year 6
Sunny T for your contribution to the school, for your Generosity to others.
Lachlan McC for being a cooperative student who works well in all situations.

MORNING READING GROUPS

This week is the final week for reading groups this term. How exciting to listen to the readers and hear their discussions about texts. The children and the Teacher Aides have been working very hard and making a difference! Everyone has benefited greatly from the opportunity to work further on developing vocabulary and understanding their reading. This Thursday children who have attended regularly and punctually will be Rewarded with a Pancake Breakfast served to them by our wonderful teacher aides. Yummy! What a great way to celebrate our achievements.

A HUGE THANKYOU to all the families who made the commitment to get their to the program. We appreciate the challenges of busy families and getting everyone where they need to be so, WELL DONE EVERYONE!

Readers attending the breakfast will have received their invitations last week, see you in the Kitchen!
SENIOR SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to the BlueBottles who were the overall winners of the Interhouse Swimming Carnival held last Tuesday at the Cooee Bay Pool. There were many determined swims by many of our students which saw many of them attempting and completing mostly the 50m of the four prominent strokes – Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Butterfly.

Thank you to the parents who assisted and supported the day’s proceedings.

The only disappointment was the number of students from each house who did not attend. We had a total attendance rate of 77% from across the year levels (Year 3 to 6). Our aim is to improve on this percentage for next year. Year 6 (Mrs Forrest) won the trophy this week for their attendance at the swimming carnival with only 4 students absent.

Congratulations to our eventual age champs of the day.

Junior Girl – Shae G  Junior Boy – Mason McC
Intermediate Girl – Caitlin J  Intermediate Boy – Slater L
Senior Girl – Amelie T  Senior Boy – Tie between Finn H & Jordan Mc

House Trophy Recipients

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LUNCHETIME COMPETITIONS

The Tennis Tournament was finally completed last Friday. The finals games division saw some great rallies between some of the students. The eventual winners and runner – ups were:

Girls Champ – Sam F (Yr 6) BlueBottle  Runner Up – Indiana J (Yr 6) RedBack
Boys Champ – Slater L (Yr 5) BlueBottle  Runner Up – Jayden G (Yr 3) RedBack

Thank you to Rick who conducted the lunchtime Chess Tournament.

The eventual winners were:

Senior (Yr 6 only) - finals still running.
Junior (Yr 4,5) Champ - Jacob Lowth  Runner Up - Laryssa Loo

All of the awards for these competitions will be presented by Rick on the parade this Thursday. Congratulations to all students who entered these competitions and gained valuable participation points for their respective house team.

THANK YOU

To the Teacher Aides for their assistance and support during the year in our HPE programme.

Thank You to our many parents who have assisted with a number of “things” over the past 12 months – private transport to sporting trips, washing playing strips, bibs and jerseys, preparing food and serving food, counting money, raking the sandpit, picking up the high jump bar or the discus or the shot put, being a support jogger in Cross Country training, and the list goes on….

Most of all thank you to our parents for supporting our students – your children – during their sporting events. It has been much appreciated.

Margie
Stop, Drop, Go

Thank you to all parents who have shown patience as our Stop, Drop, Go area was introduced this year. This area is working well and has resulted in a safer access for our children both in the morning and afternoon. There are some parents who are dropping off their children in the bus turn around. This area is for buses only and police have been patrolling. Please use the official Stop Drop Go area or park and use the crossing.

WANTED

All library books due back this week! ….but that doesn’t mean you have to stop reading.

Reading over the holidays can still happen! Here’s a few ideas.

Reading Eggs can still be accessed from home. Alternatively, check out your local libraries or rediscover some of your favourite old books at home. If you enjoyed the Premier’s Reading Challenge, you can also continue the fun and register for the Summer Reading Club (SRC), to join more than 40,000 kids around Australia exploring LOST WORLDS this summer.

The SRC is a national reading program that runs from 1 December to 31 January and offers a range of run activities and competitions. Sign up online summerreadingclub@slq.qld.org.au

Please check the Community Notice Board for events coming up around the town. Thank you
Our final strategy is Use Logic – known also as if/then approach.

Logical reasoning forms the basis of a great many problem solving techniques. In this strategy, statements or information can be used or extrapolated to create the next part of the solution (unlike guess and check where it is an all or nothing statement).

Each piece of information should confirm the previous hypothesis or lead to a new hypothesis, hence the if/then label. Students steadily progress through the statements.

Often, eliminating an option can be as useful as solving a piece of the puzzle.

This week’s problems:

**Upper School Problem – Years 3-6**

At the swimming carnival, five students swam in a mixed boy/girl 50m race. Use the clues to work out who placed ahead of Emma?

- James was the first boy to finish the race
- Emma finished in the place before Dylan
- Dylan touched the wall after Sue
- Rhonda swam a personal best to beat Sue
- Rex came after Rhonda and before Sue

**Lower School Problem - Prep-Year 2**

Four bears went on a picnic. Brown bear had one less pot of honey than black bear. Grizzly bear had ten more pots of honey than polar bear. Polar bears don’t eat honey. Grizzly bears eat more honey than black bears. How many pots of honey did each bear have?

(Remember, there can be more than one answer!)

Now apply UNDERSTAND/PLAN/Do and CHECK/REASON; place your entry in the blue box in the foyer and remember to include your name and year level.

Last week’s solutions and strategies that could be used

**Upper School** – 10 handshakes occur (4+3+2+1) Make a model, Draw a diagram, Write a number sentence

**Lower School** – Make a model/Draw a diagram were the most common strategies used.

*HAVE fun problem solving!*

Lorraine Nielsen
Head of Curriculum
Many thanks to parent Larry Wiltshire who is preparing the slab for the new shed that will on the Prep Purple side of the tennis courts. This will store PE equipment including the perceptual motor development gear, so the preps will be able to access this more readily.

HELP! More help is needed for cooking & serving at the End of Year Concert next Wednesday. We still require helpers in all timeslots. A guideline of performance times is below, so you can help at a time without missing your child/children’s concert item. If you can give 30 minutes or one hour of your time, please send me a text message or phone me, and I’ll put your name on the roster at the time slot that best suits you and your family. Thank you to those who have volunteered already.

The menu for the End of Year Concert Canteen includes cold drinks, sausage sizzle, hot dogs and curry with rice. Miss Jacinta is kindly allowing us to trial serving from the hall canteen, rather than out on the grassed area. This will make the preparation much easier, but we are conscious of keeping our noise level to a minimum so as not to affect the performers on stage. Food and drinks must not be eaten in the hall.

The traditional ham raffles will be on sale again on concert evening: $2/ticket or 3 for $5. There are 10 prizes to be won on the night, with a slight change, that if you win you get a voucher to take to the butcher…rather than a ham to take home on the night. These tickets will be sold at the back of the hall.

Kathy King
0400 681 442

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Talking Tuckshop

Only three more tuckshop days to go!

Please note:
- Tuckshop will not be open on the last day of school.
- Next Wednesday snack items, toasties & fresh sandwiches/wraps will be available, but NO burgers, sushi, pizza etc as I need to start clearing out the fridges and freezers before the holidays.
- Tomorrow and Friday this week will be business as usual.

Thank you to all my helpers last week. I had a great time with Barbara and Nycole on Tuesday prepping for the week ahead and Julia, Kath & Alicia on Wednesday and Friday. Thank you to my awesome tally girls Melinda, Kellie, Deanna, Rachel, you are such a big help!

Have a fantastic week everyone, we are nearly there!

Regards, Amanda
YEAR 6 GRADUATION
Parents, Year 6, Teachers, Family and Friends are invited for a casual gathering after the Graduation Ceremony on Monday 7th December at the stage at Yeppoon Main Beach. Everyone is asked to bring their own food and drinks (self cater) for their own family. For any inquiries contact Fiona Wilson on 0403387241.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT — 9TH DECEMBER 2015

Farnborough State School’s Christmas Concert 2015
5pm Food & Drinks - 6:30 Start

- BBQ, Hot Dogs & Curry
- Cold Water and Soft drinks

6:20 Pre entertainment - FSS Band

WELCOME AND PRINCIPAL’S ADDRESS
Prep P - Aussie Jingle Bells
Prep Y - I can’t Spell Hippopotamus
Year 1 - Christmas Medley
P & C ADDRESS KATHY KING
Year 2 - Our Class & My Wish
INTERVAL 20 mins - HAM RAFFLES
Year 3 - I’m Santa and I Know it
Year 3/4 - Pump It
Year 4 - What I Am?
YEAR 4 ACADEMIC AWARDS
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PRESENTATIONS TO YEAR 6 STUDENTS