Dear Parents, Students & Staff

Our Senior Swimming Carnival was a lovely day, with some excellent results from students. Congratulations to our senior swimming age champions, Caitlin, Matthew, Finn, Ainslie, Haylee and Riley and to Redbacks for collecting the winner’s trophy. On Wednesday, our Juniors will be showing off the skills they have learned during swimming classes this term.

Our morning readers, who have been participating in before school reading this semester, were treated to a pancake breakfast last week. We are very proud of these students for the effort they put in and the reading gains they have attained. Everyone agreed that the pancakes were delicious and the early morning starts were all worth it!

Our Senior Chess champion Zeke was the winner of our 2015 competition, while Ryan was runner up. Well done to both boys who did a great job.

Rebecca was the winner of the Rescue Helicopter colouring completion, receiving a bag of ‘goodies’ for her excellent work.

I know there are many parents who are keen to find out where class teaches will be placed next year. Unfortunately this year, while we have a record number of prep enrolments with both Year 6 and 7 students leaving us, we are not yet certain about our numbers. We are also waiting for confirmation on our final staffing for next year. As such, our classes for 2015 are still ‘under construction’. I hope to be able to confirm teacher placements by next week’s newsletter and class allocations will be placed around the school from Thursday 22 January. We do have some places in some year levels for students living ‘out of catchment’ so if you are aware of families that would like to be considered for enrolment please suggest they contact the school.

I have also received a number of requests from parents around class preferences and while I will endeavour to meet these requests, this may not always be possible. Once class allocations have been finalised, no changes can be made.

Report cards and book lists will be distributed next Monday. You will also receive an invitation to make an appointment with teacher/s to discuss your child/ren’s report/s.

Carol Butler-Mader  Principal
Library Books
Library borrowing has finished for the year and we ask that all students return books this week for stocktake.

Reading Eggs
Our subscription to Reading Eggs is current all over the summer break. If your child is looking for something to do, good news - they can still log on to this fun reading activity and help stop the “summer slide” in reading skills.

Story Sports
Last week, four of our Year 5 boys represented the school at a writing extension challenge hosted by author Brian Falkner at Taraganba State School. Story Sports™ takes the concept of a writing workshop and turns it into a competitive sport. It’s a little like theatre sports, except that the emphasis is on writing skills. Students compete in quick-fire games that test their creativity, imagination, and story-writing skills to win prizes.

I interviewed Tom, Kalani, Fergus, Harry on their return and this is what they thought — Fun! Educational! Exciting! Challenging!

That’s how we would describe our Story Sports experience. As a team of four, we had to complete challenges based on different story genres. This included: editing a fairytale to make it a horror story, writing the opening line for a western romance starring the Prime Minister, a duck and Angelina Jolie; writing the story of Cinderella from the step-mother’s point of view; writing an argument with lots of dialogue. For each challenge, we were given five minutes to complete our response. Our team captain then had to present our writing to the judges, the other six teams and the audience of Year 5-7 Taraganba students. Difficult! Between challenges, we also were shown the first line from a novel and had to guess the name of the novel it had come from. We won two of these problems! Tom and the Other Guys was our team name. We were the youngest competitors and achieved third place and received some great prizes. — Lorraine Nielsen HOC

DATE CLAIMER

**DECEMBER**

3rd  Prep — Yr 3 Swimming Fun Day
8th  Yr 6 & Yr 7’s **Graduation Night** - commencing at 6:00pm
9th  **Semi Final Parade** — commencing at 8:55am
10th Christmas **Concert** - commencing at 6:30pm with a sausage sizzle from 5:00pm.
11th **FINAL PARADE** for 2014 commencing at 2:30pm.
12th  Last Day for school or 2014

**JANUARY**

21st / 22nd  9:00am—12noon Uniform Shop OPEN
27th  Term 1 Commences for 2015

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https://www.facebook.com/farnboroughstateschool
NO TUCKSHOP — TOMORROW
Wednesday 3rd December

Please note that the following items — Chicken/gravy rolls, Chicken burritos, Ham burritos, Boiled eggs and Wedges will not be available from this Friday 5th December.

Tuckshop will open Mon, Tues and Friday of next week, but limited stock will be available. Please check the notice board before placing your order.

Thank you.

Get your family active and eating well

The FREE healthy lifestyle program for families called PEACH™ - Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health — is coming to Yeppoon for the first time.

Registrations are now open for 2015 with groups commencing in both Yeppoon and Rockhampton in February (term 1, 2015)

The free program is available to families with a child aged between 5-11 years who is above a healthy weight for their age.

The program helps parents and carers make healthy eating and activity a part of every-day life. It’s also fun for kids and helps boost their confidence.

It runs for 6 months and consists of 10 group sessions that run for 90 minutes each. The first 9 sessions are held weekly within the school term. Ongoing individualised family support is offered through the second half of the program ending with one final group session.

Some of the topics covered include nutrition skills, relationships with food and eating, changing family lifestyle behaviours and making healthy eating affordable. While the parent sessions are taking place, children enjoy active play with a trained child physical activity facilitator.

The program is funded by the Queensland government and being delivered by the Queensland University of Technology in partnership with Central Queensland University.

If you would like more information about the PEACH™ program or to register please contact free call 1800 263 519 or visit www.peachqld.com.au

P & C NEWS

CONCERT NIGHT - MOBILE COLD ROOM NEEDED

We are in need of a mobile cold room for the School Concert Night on Wednesday, 10 December. If you have one or know of someone who has & is willing for the School to use it, please contact Kathy King - 0400 681 442.

School Concert Night

The P & C will be selling sausages & bread, soft drinks, water, tea & coffee and ice—creams at the School Concert on Wednesday 10 December. All of these items will be $2 each.

To enable everyone the opportunity to watch their children perform on the night we need volunteers to help out.

If you are willing to assist for a half hour time slot on the night please contact Kathy King on 0400 681 442 or Lee-Ann Lovegrove on 0439 748 803.

CONCERT NIGHT

Does anyone have a long playing, high definition video camera that can be used on the night by someone, to video the concert and then taken home to burn a copy and make copies of the concert for parents wishing to purchase a copy.

Please see Jacinta (in the hall).

Keppel Slashing

- Allotment Slashing and Mowing
- Acreage Slashing and Mowing
- Weed Control

Phone John
0434 556 795 / 4939 7456

NO TUCKSHOP — TOMORROW
Wednesday 3rd December
Learn to Swim Specialists
- New indoor, heated centre
- Open year round
- For ages 4 months and up
17 Industrial Avenue, YEPPOON
Phone: 4930 2205

Advertising spots available for Businesses that specialise in Children’s Development Activities

Call Now to Enroll in Swimming Lessons.
NEW TERM STARTS TUESDAY 7TH OCT.
Babies from 4 Months to Senior Squad.
New Aqua Aerobics and Pool Times (check website)
www.yeppoonaquaticcentre.com.au
Like us on Facebook
YEPPOON AQUATIC CENTRE

“You can have me for FREE for the rest of 2014!”

“I’m only $50 for every Newsletter in 2015!”

MELINDA’S DANCE STUDIO
FARNBOROUGH

Now offering tuition in Term 4 2014
- RAD Classical Ballet
- Jazz Dance
For all ages 4 years and over at the Farnborough SS Hall every Monday afternoon
And in 2015 tuition will be expanded to:
- 2 and 3 year old Tiny Tots in Tutus.
- Modern Neo Classical Dance
- Adult classes in jazz and classical ballet

Contact Melinda Taylor on:
Phone: 0428710365
Email: melindadancestudio1@gmail.com

Advertising here is a great way to reach your targeted audience for 2015 Enrolments!

Advertise your Christmas Holidays Program Here

Send your business ad to pandc@farnboross.eq.edu.au
Congratulations to all of the students who attended and participated in the “big kids” swimming carnival. It was pleasing to see a number of certain individuals giving it a go and earning points for their sporting house. The trophies were divided amongst the house teams –

**Novelties** – Bluebottles  
**Individual Events** – Redbacks  
**Relays** – Greencrocs  
**Overall Shield Winners** – Redbacks.

The individual champs for the day were:

**Senior (2001/2002)**  
Boys – Riley W  
Girls – Haylee R

**Intermediate (2003)**  
Boys – Finn H  
Girls – Ainslie W

Boys – Mathew G  
Girls – Caitlin J  
(Both 2005 students!)

Some of our students now have the choice to trial at the R’ton District Swim Trials. A letter will be sent home with these students. Thank you to the parents who came along and assisted; supported and participated in the day’s proceedings.

Our Junior Fun Day is on tomorrow (WEDNESDAY DEC 3rd) at the YEPPON SS Pool. This is NOT A CARNIVAL – but a chance for our younger students to show their parents what they can do. We encourage parents to bring their togs so they can be “rescued” and to join in – especially if the weather is hot! Once again, if parents are taking their child/ren straight to the pool – please ensure the classroom staff member or the office is informed. Students will be departing the school at 9.00am and will return by 1.00pm.

We have 4 more trophies to present. Two of these are for **House Team Events** – One for **House Spirit** and one for **Team sport involvement** which takes in points from across the year across a number of sporting and in classroom tasks. These two trophies will be presented to the winning House teams this Thursday on Parade. The Tennis tournament is still being played and the trophy recipients will be presented once this is finalised.

**YEAR 3 & YEAR 4 SPORT SURVEYS**
This week students in Years 3 and Year 4 took home a parent consent form for the students to participate in an online survey relating to sport in our school. Once signed, the survey will be completed at school. All surveys must be completed by this Friday – Dec 5th after which the results will be collated by the University of Queensland. Your support in returning the signed form would be much appreciated. If more information is required in regards to this please speak with myself, the classroom staff member, Mrs Butler or Mrs Nielsen.

**GARDEN WORKING BEE**
Next week we will be having a blitz on the SAK Garden for ALL and ANY who would like to help out. I personally will be working in there early mornings and some afternoons. Some of our other regular parent helpers are coming in when it suits their daily routines. I would like to encourage as many as possible to come along and assist. Perhaps if you are not able to help next week, you may be able to pop in over the hols to check out the grass or weed situation or water the vegies or orchard.

**RING PULL TABS**
Our collection is growing which is fantastic– please continue to collect over the holidays and send in after the holidays. I will bundle up what has been collected so far and pass these onto Les McDonald (Grandfather to Piper W-in Yr 3)

It would be such a wonderful community spirit if we could provide a wheelchair to someone in need just by collecting such a small thing – as it is said – from little things – big things grow! Thanks FSS

**THANK –YOU**
To many of our parents, older siblings, past students and extended family and friends of FSS who have assisted and supported the HPE/SPORT & GARDEN programs over the past 12 months. We’ve had tuckshop/canteen parents, car poolers, jersey washers, umpires, weed pullers, choc slice makers, relay race members, trophy donors, icy pole donors, sunscreen donors, soil diggers with ant bites, chook chasers, sport cheer squads, bomb dive supporters! and the list could go on and on – ALL APPRECIATED and ALL PART OF THE BIG PICTURE! Thanks to everyone!

Have a safe and enjoyable break. Margie
CLUB RUGBY LEAGUE
2015 Yeppoon Junior Seagulls Sign On
Any players (new and existing) wishing to play club Rugby League in 2015 are invited to attend the Yeppoon Junior Rugby League sign on.
WHEN: Sunday 7th December 2014
WHERE: Webb Oval, Tanby Road, Yeppoon
TIME: 9am – 11am
Existing players can register online now
Please be advised that all new players are required to provide a copy of their birth certificate.
Registration Fees are $160 (discounts apply for multiple players)
Contact Steph on 0447 395 175 or email yeppoonjrl@hotmail.com

(ISA) INDOOR SPORTS ARENA T20 BLAST HOLIDAY PROGRAM
Where: 37 Hollingsworth Street, North Rockhampton
When: Tuesdays 6th & 13th, Thursdays 8th & 15th of January 2015
Time: 2:30pm to 5:30pm
Cost: $99.00 (includes Brisbane Heat bag, cap & giveaways)
Contact: Trent Clarke (07) 4927 8499 / admin@isarocky.com.au
Register and Sign up at www.t20blast.com.au

Please check the notice board for more exciting Community News.

• CELEBRATE 150 YEARS of RAIL in QUEENSLAND
• TACKERS Learn to Sail—School Holiday Program