The Farnborough Country Fair is our school’s major event each year and for 2015 it is on Sunday 26th July. Many things have already been done to make our planning easier but we still need quite a bit of help to make the lead up run smoothly. Our first planning session will be held on Friday 3rd March at 9am in the staff room. This will be a casual get together to simply get us up and running. We will look at what worked last year and what we could do to make it better this year... including new ideas. Please let us know if you are able to attend by ringing or texting Michelle on 0438 283 342.

Meet ‘Chris’ our Poddy Calf for the 2015 Fair. Thanks to the King family who are looking after him and getting him ready for his big performance on July 26th.

Dear Parents, Students & Staff

While a sausage sizzle is only a small thing, it was our way of making Monday a happy day, and reminding all students... for all our Farnborough families, but I do know that some are still without power and continuing with home clean-ups; please let us know if we can help in any way.

A few of our students were lucky to have met some of the Army soldiers from 31/42 Royal Queenslands Regiment and Reservists from 11th Brigade.

Last Thursday and Friday, I attended the Statewide Principals’ Conference. The clear messages from this conference were around the importance of staff working together to share and further develop high quality teaching practices and programs. This is something we are doing well at Farnborough as we have been working with each other to continue to share what we are doing and develop consistent practice, particularly in reading and spelling.

Carol Butler-Mader Principal
**POST CYCLONE ARVO TEA**

This is an open invitation for all of our Farnborough families to come along to an afternoon tea at the school this Thursday March 5 @ 2pm.

After the trauma, stress and exhaustion we have all suffered this past week, it will be nice to get together to debrief and reconnect with each other.

The plan is to have a cuppa together and then attend our regular Thursday Parade. Come and watch our students receive their weekly awards as well as stay up to date with the current school notices. We all need something positive to focus on and also to encourage our children.

Looking forward to catching up,

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**DATE CLAIMER**

**MARCH**

4th & 11th 12 Years Australian football (AFL) born 2003 or later Trials 10am — 12noon

8th & 22nd 12 Years Girls Football (Soccer) Born 2003 or later Trials 4:00pm — 5:30pm

10th P & C Annual General Meeting

13th Sports House Elections - 2pm to 3pm

13th National Ride 2 School - CANCELLED

17th 12 Years Tennis Trials 8:30am — 4:00pm

27th Cross Country Fun Run — 9am—11am

31st 12yrs Boys and Girls Basketball Trials Born 2003 or later

**APRIL**

2nd Last day for Term 1

3rd — 17th Easter holidays

20th Term 2 commences

**Online Subscriptions - Helping Our Children.**

Once again, Farnborough State School has renewed its subscription to two great online learning sites – **ABC Reading Eggs and Ideal Resources.** These safe sites will provide you with another way to support your child/ren at home whilst having fun at the same time.

**Reading Eggs for Early Readers**

ABC Reading Eggs supports each child’s learning by offering individual, one-on-one lessons. These online lessons allow your child to progress at their own rate.

**Reading Eggspress**

The ABC Reading Eggspress website offers a huge range of highly engaging resources that include reading comprehension lessons, motivational games and e-books. *ABC Reading Eggspress is a unique learning environment; created to encourage students to keep reading and learning.***

**How does my child access Reading Eggs and Eggspress at home?**

Your child will have brought home an information sheet that contains their own personal log on and password. If you have any trouble logging on please don’t hesitate to contact your child’s class teacher.

**Ideal Resources**

Ideal Resources is another great website that our Farnborough students have access to both at school and at home. This website contains lots of interactive maths and literacy games and printable worksheets that engage students and encourage learning.

There are over 600 maths games and activities to help your child improve their understanding of the maths concepts covered at school.

**How does my child access Ideal Resources at home?**

2. Go to Student Login in the top right corner.
3. Enter the Username and Password below that matches your child’s class.
4. Have lots of fun learning!

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**Studyladder**

Studyladder is another free, educational site which offers over 7000 resources in more than 10 subjects for students. Parents can find out more information regarding this site by visiting http://www.studyladder.com.au. As this is not a school purchased site, we recommend parents preview the site and supervise their children when using the internet.

Happy exploring

Lorraine Nielsen (Head of Curriculum)