**From the Principal’s Desk**

**Congratulations to Farnborough Representatives to the Rockhampton District Trials**

Each and every member of our cross-country team put in a great effort. Despite more than 100 competitors in each race, the challenge of mid-course hills and the threat of a shower, Farnborough runners put in the hard work and cheered each other on! Thank you to Mrs Jess O’Donnell and our parents for accompanying the team. Well done all!

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**Friday Sports**

Everyone is eager to sample the new facilities at the Barmayee sports grounds! All participants to come in full uniform including their sun-safe hat. Water bottle and a snack are recommended.

**Farnborough’s Got Talent**

A tangible excitement can be found in every corner of the playground as students connect to plan, choreograph and rehearse, rehearse, rehearse! I can’t wait to see my very first ‘Farnborough’s Got Talent’ extravaganza. Miss Jacinta’s flair for engaging students in the Arts is a great asset to the school.

**Farnborough Readers**

Every day it seems I discover another reason to celebrate being at Farnborough. Last Friday I saw the joy of dad’s and mum’s sharing a book with the Prep children in the library before school. That rich moment when a child curls up with Mum or Dad on a bean bag and shares their chosen book is magical!

**Fairbairn Camp**

Year 6 students are off to Fairbairn Dam next week! With camp outs, abseiling, canoeing and more included in the adventure, an exciting time will be had by all.

**Address or contact changes**

Please let us know asap if you have any changes to your address or contacts. *This is of urgent importance if your child is attending the Year 5 camp at Fairbairn.*

**IPad workshop**

Last week under the invitation of Mrs Pauline Kussrow, Farnborough’s IPad team leader, the Apple Education team conducted a workshop at our library for almost 30 participants from across the region. The workshop was a huge success – one which will benefit our staff and students with Pauline sharing her new knowledge at this week’s twilight professional development.

**Helen Heery (Acting Principal)
Student of the Week Awards

**Prep P**
- Arlia W for clever work writing a retell
- Flynn B for improvement with handwriting

**Prep Y**
- Eli G for trying hard in class
- Blake K for trying hard in class

**Year 1 Purple**
- Lincoln H for writing fantastic sentences about insects. Well done!
- Samuel S for his super effort on his spelling. Well done!

**Year 1 Yellow**
- Arwn W for being a co-operative class mate who works well with her peers
- Jay S for an improvement in class attitude and being focussed in class. Wonderful!

**Year 2 Purple & Yellow**
- Mariska W for great persuasive writing
- Madalyn H for helping around the classroom without being asked
- Annalise R for fantastic work with creating persuasive sentences

**Year 3 Purple**
- Willow B for fantastic expression in reading
- Quinn B for your enthusiasm in maths

**Year 3 Yellow**
- Taila M for actively participating in group discussions
- Nate B for his concentration in the classroom

**Year 4**
- Laynee O’B for insightful contributions to classroom discussions
- Connor I for working diligently in class

**Year 4/5**
- Piper W for fantastic attitude towards learning
- Jodie W for great work during maths groups

**Year 5**
- Levi T for making a huge effort towards his own learning
- Cadie P for always striving for excellence with classroom learning

**Year 6**
- Kyden A for working conscientiously
- Ben S for working conscientiously

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**This Week’s MATHS CHALLENGE**  Prep – Year 2

How many coins does it take to make 65c?

Write down as many possible answers as you can.

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**From the Finance Desk**

Yr 5 Friday Interschool Sport $28.00  Now overdue
Yr 6 Friday Interschool Sport $24.00  Now overdue
Yr 6 Camp - Final balance  Due tomorrow 4th May
Yr 5 Camp – Accepting deposits $50.00

There are still a few families with outstanding amounts for Term 2 Cooking & Instrumental Music.

If you need any information on your child’s school account, please don’t hesitate to come in and see us.  Thank you, Kellie.
Premier’s Reading Challenge

Farnborough State School is participating in the 2016 Premier’s Reading Challenge. This year, like previous years we are aiming to achieve outstanding results!

Next week each child will receive a reader record form.

Each child will need to write down the books they read.

Books can include any read in class, in the library, at home and home readers.

The challenge is not a competition, but a fun way to boost children’s literacy skills by encouraging students to read for pleasure. Last year, more than 89 000 students successfully completed the challenge reading—1.95 million books!

The aim for the 2016 challenge is to reach a total of two million books read.

For a student to successfully complete the challenge they must read or experience the allocated number of books for their year level. Students who complete the challenge have their efforts recognised through the receipt of a Certificate of Achievement signed by the Premier of Queensland.

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The following activities can be counted towards the challenge:

- Independent reading
- Shared reading
- Being read to (Prep-Yr2 only)

The following literature forms can be counted towards the challenge:

- Printed books
- E-books, virtual books and digital publications
- Graphic novels an comic books
- Audio and braille books
- Newspapers, magazines and recipe books

The reading period for the 2016 Premier’s Reading Challenge commences on Monday 16 May and closes Friday 26 August. 

Jesse O’Donnell

Change of Instrumental lessons - Week 4.

There will be no Music lessons this week, due to Ms Thomline’s commitments with the Rockhampton Eisteddfod.

Senior Concert Band will now take place on Thursday morning in the hall, 8am - 8:45am. If you would normally go to reading groups on Thursday, please arrange to come on Wednesday this week instead.

Let me know if you think we need to put a letter out as well. 

Alice
Cross Country – Rockhampton District Trials

Congratulations to all the FSS athletes who competed at the Rocky District trials last Thursday. A few individuals achieved a top 10 place. With unfavourable weather conditions, it was pleasing to see all the athletes put their best effort in. Each age group had approximately 100 runners per event, with some up to 150 runners. Thank you to the parents who supported and assisted the students on the day.

Jess O’Donnell

HPE & SPORT

Congratulations to all our competitors at the Rockhampton District Cross Country trials last week. Most age groups had well over 120 students in each event and our athletes performed credibly. The best school result was Jett L who placed 9th in the 10 years boys. Thank you to the parents who supervised and cheered on the team.

GARDEN GOSSIP

Some classes have been learning about habitats in their Science lessons… and we have had 2 tawny frogmouth owls taking shelter in the tree outside the Year 2 classroom. Don’t they blend in with the bark … a ‘national geographic moment’!

What a gorgeous community we have here at FSS. Mrs Harris and her Year 3 & 4 Values class were out last week weeding the garden by the administration building. Thankyou so much!

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1.8t on trailer
Dry/Wet hire
Bush timber posts/ rails and or steel posts with barb or netting wire.

Brad & Andrea Apple
0429 956 289 or 0428 864 897

DATE CLAIMER

MAY

8th
Mothers Day

9th —13th
Year 6 Camp Fairbairn

10th
P & C Meeting

10th,11th, & 12th
Year 3 and 5 NAPLAN

11th
CAP 10—19 age GOLF

16th
Premier’s Reading Challenge Opens

31st
CAP 10—19 X Country

JUNE

6th
Queensland Day

7th
12—3pm Interhouse Field Events Years 3 — 6
The 2016 Pie Drive order forms were handed out last week. If you have not received yours, there are spares at the office. Completed forms and payment are due back at the end of this month with delivery date the 22nd June…hopefully it will be cooler weather by then.

On the weekend I attended the P&C’s Qld workshop in Rockhampton, with other members of primary school P&C Associations from our area. It was a worthwhile day and my head is full of information and procedures, but again I realised how lucky we are at FSS. It is a credit to our school community just how well we work together … many schools do not operate in the same positive atmosphere.

Many thanks to those who assisted Amanda on the long weekend with catering for the Photography Convention. I’m sure you are very weary now – but the praise and compliments coming back to me are wonderful…a great bunch of willing volunteers. Well done Amanda!

The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th May, 6:30 – 8:00pm in the library.
All are welcome.  
Kathy King  (0400 681 442)

2016 Farnborough State School - Country Fair – Sunday 24th July

Hello everyone. Hope you all had a great long weekend. Weren’t we so lucky with the weather?!

Justine, our Book Stall coordinator, is trying to make the stall as plastic-free as possible. Instead of using plastic bags to carry the books in, she is asking for donations of material tote bags (in good condition). Justine has also made her first tote bag out of an old t-shirt so is keen for any donations of old adult size t-shirts (in good and clean condition) so she can make some more. If you think you or your children might like to make these at home and bring them into school, let me or Justine know and we will give you the instructions on how to make a tote bag out of a t-shirt. Not that tricky apparently.

All donations can be delivered to the school office.

Bakers - We’ve had a few more lovely ladies put up their hands to help with baking for our famous Cake Stall & Coffee Shop, however, I’m sure there’s a few more of you out there with culinary skills! Let me know if you can help.

Thanks again,
Rachel Walls  (0450 766 127)

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Crazy times in the tuckshop this past week! I catered for a group of teachers visiting our school last Tuesday; Wednesday and Friday were extra busy tuckshop days, thanks Bryson, Jodie, Melinda, Karyn, Kellie and Claire. On the weekend, I catered for the Queensland Photography Societies annual conference at the town hall. We cooked for 125 people from all over Queensland for morning tea and lunch over 3 days and Saturday night dinner. It was an absolutely fantastic fundraising opportunity for our school and I would love to thank staff members Helen and Kris, parents Rachel and Deb, grandma and always there to help me Barb and my friends and loved ones, Bryson, Gerry, Wayne, Pam, Sue, Amanda, Stacey, Jimmy & Arran. You guys all made the job so much easier and less stressful for me. Thanks also to those who donated produce.

Cooking classes for Year 4 start back this Friday at 12noon. Parents, we need your help if you can make it.

I also need help tomorrow and Friday in the tuckshop if you can spare a couple of hours.

Have a great week everyone.

Regards Amanda
Prep Yellow have just started using Bee bots. They are used to teach simple programming in technology. We were using the bee bot to find our Jolly Phonics. We had lots of fun!