**From the Principal’s Desk**

Welcome back for Term Four. I can’t believe I’ve been here for two whole terms already! Every day at Farnborough is a great day! I’m looking forward to yet another term filled with many opportunities for our students to excel, to perform and to celebrate!

**Smell the Roses**

Take the opportunity to enjoy your school’s gardens. Last term the Year Two students and the Values classes worked with their teachers and Mrs Grant to create a garden off the C Block annexe. Steve and Margie have also been very busy over the break. Everywhere you look new work catches the eye. Well done all!

**Sydney Adventures**

Congratulations to the Farnborough Robotics team, the team coaches and their support entourage. A wonderful adventure was had by all. There is even some special news of ‘Farnborough Spirit’ being acknowledged on the competition Honour Board! Watch this space for an update from our students, special acknowledgement of our sponsors and photos of the event.

**Staffing Update**

With **Miss Emma Coucum** on maternity leave the Year Two classroom welcomes **Mrs Tracey Mills** as **Miss McKee’s** teaching partner for the remainder of 2016. **Ms Jo Beatty** is enjoying the Year Five Class whilst **Mr Rick Parker** is on the last three weeks of his well-deserved long service leave. **Mrs Sharon Forrest** will continue in the role of Head of Curriculum until **Mrs Lorraine Nielsen’s** return from higher acting duties in Week Three. The Year 6 classroom will remain in the able hands of **Mrs Angela Hinds** for the coming fortnight. **Mrs Kerry O’Brien** is delighted to be working one more week as the teacher aide in the Prep Purple classroom during **Mrs Cheryl Cochrane’s** absence.

**Cartridges for Planet Ark**

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HANDBALL RESULTS Congratulations to all students who participated in the Handball tournament gaining points for their respective sporting house.
The finals results were:

SENIOR BOY CHAMP – Archie W
RUNNER UP – Joshua K

SENIOR GIRL CHAMP – Ella B
RUNNER UP – Selena F

JUNIOR BOY CHAMP – Jett L
RUNNER UP – Griffen B

JUNIOR GIRL CHAMP – Faith S
RUNNER UP – Katie C

CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP commences later in the term. All participating students gain points for their respective sport houses.

SWIMMING – Reminder to all classes that our Aquatics programme commences with a staggered start over the next couple of weeks. All permission notes must be sent into the school office by this Friday.

INTERHOUSE SWIM CARNIVAL (Year 3 – Year 6 inc) – FRIDAY WEEK 8 (Nov 25th)
SWIMMING FUN MORNING JUNIORS (Prep- Year 2) – WEDNESDAY WEEK 9 (Nov 30th)

INTERSCHOOL SPORT – Final round of games for the Year 5 and Year 6 students to be held this Friday.

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES. This 3 week program will be starting later in the term. We would like to extend an invitation to parents, grandparents or other family members to be involved in this Friday afternoon program. The idea of this program is to pass on knowledge, skills and interests to a small group of students which then our students could possibly develop. Some activities we have had in previous years include pottery, knitting, mobile making, jigsaws, board games, bike repairs, aerobics, photography, circus skills, gardening, drawing, singing, Xmas craft, knot tying, sewing and mending, tennis, chess, cooking and the list goes on. If you would like more information or know that you can make a commitment to helping out please see me out. The Friday dates will be later in the term.

GARDEN G-NOME GOSSIP
Thank you to EVERYONE who helped out with the garden and “livestock” over the past 2 weeks of holidays. We had staff members, school families and community members all assist out with a variety of “jobs”. Thanks to everyone. This certainly makes my job a lot easier! We will continue with Green Club before school (7.45 -8.30) and Green Club after school (3.05 -4.15) for students who wish to be involved. Some changes to our farm tours for Year 3 and Year 4, with the school tour on Thursday and the farm tour on Friday. If any of my fantastic volunteers would like to come celebrate the awards come and see me for details.

Thank you to Kris and Tanya for helping me out over the holidays with a couple of great catering jobs. I had the pleasure of catering for the National Boys Choir for the Livingstone Shire Council and a 40th birthday party.

Cooking classes start this week for Year 5 on Thursday and Year 3P on Friday. Both are in mid- session starting at 12noon. If you could spare a couple of hours it would be great to see you there.

I hope everyone had a great holiday! Regards, Amanda

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