Dear Parents, Students & Staff

Last week, a number of Farnborough State School teams competed in the CQ Robotics Competition at CQ University, winning first and second place in the Robot Dance section and second place in the Robot Rescue; bringing back books and vouchers for the school. In each competition students built and then programmed robots to meet the design challenge. Well done to this clever and dedicated group of students who have spent many hours at lunch-time and before school practicing and thank you to Miss McKee and Mrs Forrest for all your hard work and support of the teams.

To date only 9 families have completed our School Opinion Surveys. Every family received a code to complete their survey online; please take the time to complete yours. Your answers will help us to evaluate school operations and identify areas for future development.

Later this week, we will be participating in a Discipline Audit with an independent Auditor assessing our school processes. The Auditor will be talking to a range of students during his visit.

ABC Reading Eggs is an Australian program developed by the Blake Education literacy team, the publishers of Go Facts, Sparklers, Giggles and Storylands. The program is the result of over 3 years’ research and work designed to bring 21st century technology to the key task of getting children successfully started on the journey to becoming proficient and motivated readers.

Every student at Farnborough State School has a username and password to access these fantastic programs both at school and home. See your class teacher or Mrs Clayton if you require any assistance. Happy Reading!

Only 4 weeks left to complete the challenge. Remember we are expecting 100% participation from the students at Farnborough State School.
Student of the Week Awards  Week 3 — Term 3

Prep M
Taylor T for being a kind and friendly classmate.
Angel L for working hard to follow directions.

Year One L/M
Neve G for thinking carefully about her reading strategies.
Lance C for organising calendar activities and reading confidently.

Year 2 / 3
Ella Mc for showing great enthusiasm in class.
Mia V for showing great enthusiasm in class.
Kai G for asking great questions in science.
Abby W for always working hard.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

Just wanted to remind you:— There is only 4 weeks left in the Premiers Reading Challenge. This year we are wanting to achieve 100% throughout the whole school. The challenge is for students from Prep – Year 4 reading 20 books and Year 5-7 15 books. Happy Reading.

Emma Coucom

REMINDER

Term 3 Friday Afternoon Sport payments are now due.
Cost is $24 per Yr 6/7 child.
Please send money to the office, in a named envelope.

DATE CLAIMER

AUGUST

4th        CAP Girls Rugby League
6th        Rocky T & F @ FSS
12th       ICAS Maths Comp
13th       20—20 Cricket Yrs 5/6/7 Boys & Girls
18th       CAP T & F @ Emerald
25th—29th  Book Fair
28th—29th  Year 4 Camp @ The Caves

SEPTEMBER

15th—19th  Life Ed
19th       Multi Sports Day - all classes
19th       Last day for term 3 - (Happy Holidays: 22nd Sept — 7th Oct)
Helping Our Children.
Helpful information from the HOC. (Head of Curriculum)
Every day counts at our school – Is your child at school today?

Did you know? Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance at school is associated, on average with higher student achievement.

Queensland state schools operate for approximately 200 days each year. Students are expected to attend school on every one of those days unless there is a reasonable excuse. Regular attendance will mean that your child has better chance in life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every day.

- They learn better
- They make friends
- They are happier

They have a brighter future.

While most students attend school consistently, there is a small number of students who are absent from school without an acceptable reason and this may harm their education. Going shopping, visiting family, staying up late and being tired or extending school holidays are not acceptable reasons to be away from school.

When you review your child’s progress at school, take a moment to consider your child’s attendance rate. If student’s aren’t at school or don’t stay the whole day, they are missing valuable lessons which will help them achieve to their full potential. Even arriving late to school on a regular basis has a negative impact on your child’s ability to be successful.

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For more information or if you need support regarding your child’s attendance, see Mrs Butler or myself and download the guide for parents at: http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/fact-sheet.html

See you at school tomorrow!
Ellen Clayton (HOC)
**2014 Country Fair Stall Results**

*Wow – another record year* according to our preliminary takings. Thanks to our hard working fair committee and the weather Gods for ensuring our major fundraiser once again was a huge success. A big thank-you to my cash room helpers Jen Bayliss Egan and Stacey Watson we made a great team counting all that money! The following is breakdown of each stalls net profit so far (nb, if you still have receipts for expenses please drop them into the office ASAP):

- Auction $1248
- Plants & Produce $1965
- Ice creams $103
- Curry House $2099
- Book Stall $907
- Prep – Peddlars Parade $403
- Yr 2 – 100’s Board – Poddy calf $1010
- Yr 2/3 – Pony Rides $700
- Produce $668
- Year 6/7 – Cake Stall $1332
- Major Raffle - $3067
- Decorate cup cakes $957
- Drinks $1613
- Coffee Shop $1029
- Sideshow Alley $496
- Prep – Lucky Bags $810
- Yr 1 – Lolly Baskets $471
- Year 4 – Slushies $180
- Year 5/6 – Caramel Popcorn $274
- Face Painting – $519
- Donations/ Sponsorships received $2500
- Craft Stall $1409
- BBQ $2258
- Cent Sale $1824
- Garage Sale $1027
- Yr1 – Pluck a Duck $580
- Yr 2/3 – Hot Dogs $1081
- Year 4/5 – SAKG Fresh Produce $668
- Year 5/6 – Caramel Popcorn $274
- Rides $2345

**Total Net profit Overall $32,780**

This has smashed our last years takings of nearly $6000!! Looks like we have set the bar high for next year. Olivia Harding (P & C Treasurer)

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**FAIR HELPERS MORNING TEA**

The P&C would like to invite anyone that helped at the Farnborough Country Fair to a **MORNING TEA**.

**When:** Friday August 8th 9.30am  
**Where:** Cruisin’ By on Farnborough Road

If you helped on a stall, baked a cake, made a scarecrow, carried a table, sourced a prize, flipped a hamburger or anything else Fair related then please come along and enjoy a coffee/tea and some cake.

**RSVP by Wednesday the 6th** to Kathy King 0400 681 442 or Michelle McCann 0438 283 342 - text message is fine.
COMMUNITY NEWS

Camp Blast is back … But as “BLAST RELOADED”

September 22nd — 26th 2014

At PCYC - Cap. Coast Leadership Development Centre, Yeppoon.

Extended to grades 5 - 8 this year.

Activities include—beach, swimming, fishing, canoeing & paddle boats, water bomb battle, capture the flag ....

Cost: $300 all inclusive

For all enquires please phone Rodney (0487 113 646) or Robyn (0431 459 165)


2014 CHAPLAINCY TRIVIA Soup & Slice NIGHT

Date: Saturday 23rd August  Time: 6:00pm   Cost: $5.00 per person or $20 for Family

Venue: Yeppoon Wesleyan Methodist Church 1 Fred Lawn Drive, Yeppoon

Theme: Red and Yellow

No bookings required - All money goes to CQ Chaplaincy

For more information please phone Kerryn on 0439 833 288 or 4930 2822.

Four Paws in the Park

Date: Sunday 10th of August  Time: 10am-2pm

Venue: Yeppoon showgrounds via Morris St

Pet photography, vet talks, dog grooming, agility displays, animals for adoption, pony rides, petting zoo, face painting, jumping castle, horizontal bungy, BBQ, live music and much more.

Gold coin entry.  Bring your pet.

Colouuring in competition available at the school office.

If anyone is looking to adopt a new pet or interested in fostering you can find more information on their Facebook page, Four Paws Animal Adoption and Education or call 0478032910.