Dear Parents, Students & Staff

Our renovated tuckshop re-opened with a bang last week and it looks fantastic. Thank you to Kathy King, who did an amazing job over the past months, spending many hours not only coordinating the renovation work, but also getting involved in the scrubbing, painting and demolition work. A very big thank you also to the sub-contractors involved, Matt Harding Plumbing, Drainage and Gas Fitting, Keppel Kitchens, Yeppoon Air Conditioning, Maxtra Electrical and Designer-crate Flooring. Maxtra Electrical (the Harris family) and Yeppoon Air Conditioning (the Jones family) donated all their labour on this job! There is also a list of the many parent volunteers who helped outside the tuckshop. Thank you to you all. We now have a beautiful and functional tuckshop to serve meals from for many years to come.

The Preps had an exciting time last week, getting their hands dirty and planting a fabulous vegetable and herb garden behind the tuckshop. From garlic chives, to snow peas and basil, there is a wonderful array of edible plants in what was previously an overgrown area.

Thank you to Kathy King for organising this event, Justine Hodges, Bec Allen & Barbara Horton for their muscles in doing the landscaping on the garden and all the parents who donated seedlings.

Yesterday at a special parade, our Year 6 Students were presented with their badge and leader’s shirt. The Farnborough State School Leadership program is unique in that all Year 7 students are given the opportunity to participate. During the ceremony, Councillor Adam Belot and former Farnborough student and Yeppoon High School Captain, Andrew Welsh, shared some of their thoughts on leadership. Our State Member of Parliament, Brittany Lauga, presented the Leaders with their badges.

Our Year 5 students returned from North Keppel Island tired, but full of exciting stories about their camp. I was left with a feeling of pride as the staff from the Camp went to great lengths to share their views on the fabulous behaviour and willingness to listen, explore and learn shown by this group of students. Well done and thank you to the parents and teachers who made this camp possible.

On a not so happy note, I have heard from a couple of parents lately that they are being given information and comments on their child’s classroom achievements or behaviour by other parents. Playground talk is often inaccurate, so if you are at all concerned about your child, please make a time to talk to their teacher directly.

NAPLAN testing will commence next Tuesday with students in Year 3 and 5 participating in three days of testing. Teachers have ensured that students are well prepared. Parents of Year 3 and 5 children can assist by making sure your child has a good breakfast and is at school on time on each of these days. Students will also need a 2B or HB pencil and eraser on test days.

Carol Butler-Mader Principal
CROSS COUNTRY - R’ton District Trials
Good luck to our 20 FSS Athletes running in the district trials tomorrow. Each age group has approx. 100 runners per event. Thank you to our parents who are assisting and supporting the students during the day. Cross Country Fun Run prizes have been ordered. After they arrive, they will be sorted and sent home with a family member. Thank you to all families in supporting this fundraiser. A final profit figure will be given in a few weeks.

R’TON DISTRICT SELECTION - Soccer
Congratulations to Tom O who last week was selected into the R’ton District Boys Football (Soccer) team. Tom now travels with the team to Mackay to compete in the Capricornia Trials. Good Luck Tom and enjoy your sport.

CAMPS
Yet another wonderful week with a great cohort of FSS kids. We all came home exhausted, but certainly pleased with the four days at a fantastic learning centre.

Thank you to the Year 5 students and to our three (3) parent helpers - Elodie, Beth and Matthew.

Look out Camp Fairbairn, our Year 6 troopers are heading out and both Rick and I are looking forward to a challenging but rewarding week.

GARDEN GNOME GOSSIP
Thank you to Kathy King, the Preps and their parents for planting some beautiful healthy herbs for all to use. We are currently potting up seeds and seedlings ready for planting and for selling at the Fair.

Have a Healthy Active Happy Week

Thanks Margie.
Many thanks to the wonderful women who look after the Uniform shop – Johanna has been in charge for many years and she is now passing on her wealth of knowledge to Jordin. These ladies are volunteers and do not get paid for any of the countless hours of work they do – which helps to keep the cost of our school uniforms as low as possible. With this in mind, a price rise is coming on some items. A reminder: the opening hours are Monday 2:30 – 3:30pm, and Wednesday 8:00 – 9:00am.

Thank you to the Prep parents who brought in seedlings to plant in the Tuckshop garden last week. It was a great day for planting (ie. it was raining) but the Preppies, their parents and teachers soldiered on! Please give the garden a water & a weed if you have five minutes spare. We encourage all parents to take their children to this area, to see, touch & smell all the different herbs. You’ll be able to taste them too once they grow a bit bigger.

Check out the super plant labels – recycled soft drink cans, thanks to Amber Kensey.

The ‘Tea & Talk’ held last Thursday was also a success. Our guest speaker Anita, gave all attendees a big kick-start to eating more healthily, and was happy to field all our questions. Anita donated $45 to the P&C from the sale of her book. If you were unable to attend but would like a copy of ‘Sandwich Free, Packet Free Lunchboxes’, please leave an envelope with your name and $20 at the office.

The 2015 Farnborough Fair – A huge thank you to Michelle McCann (Fair & Fundraising Coordinator) who has been doing much of the ‘behind the scenes’ work to coordinate the fair for this year. If you are able to help out in any way leading up to the fair please contact Michelle on 0438 283 342. Justine Hodges has managed to secure a great array of ‘rides’ from Bill’s Amusements, and tickets will be pre-sold at a cheaper price…watch this space for more details.

Cent Sale – This popular stall requires donations of new products of a quality that would be sought by many. Items in half-yearly sales, the Big W drop zone, 3 for 2 sales at the local pharmacy are all places where a quality prize can be purchased at a bargain price. Vouchers, baby bits, gourmet food hampers, super cheap auto things for men, gardening gear etc etc are all excellent items for the Cent Sale. You might own or work in a business that could offer something for this stall. Please leave at the office.

Craft Stall - Many thanks to Mish Hollingsworth, who has taken on the task of Coordinator. She would love to have any home-made craft of all kinds…sewing, knitting, woodworking, painting etc. Please leave at the office.

Curry House - Rachael Belott & Bec Allen have volunteered to cook the curries (thanks girls!) but we still need more helpers. This involves preparing and/or cooking the curries on the Saturday before the fair, in the school kitchen. ‘You do NOT have to buy the ingredients!’ Please let me know if this might suit you. Generally, this job means you have done your ‘hours’ and you do not have to help on the day of the fair…which might suit some parents.

Sideshow Alley is looking for soft, cuddly toys for the prizes. These can be second hand (please wash first) and leave at the office or phone Amber Kensey on 0410 491 050.

Plant Stall – Many thanks to Maria Kalpaxis, who has volunteered to coordinate this popular stall. She is after potted plants of all types and sizes. If you are a gardener, or have plants in your garden that can be propagated, please begin potting them up now, so that they may be growing well by the Fair. A variety of pots have been left in the small greenhouse in the SAK garden – please help yourself if you are keen to get potting! Maria is offering a free Propagating Workshop on Tuesday 26th May for anyone who requires a bit of know-how for potting up their cuttings. Please contact her on 0417 380 810 when you know how many, what size and what sort of pots you are able to contribute.

Book Stall - Justine Hodges turned the book stall into a reading mecca last year, and is promising to do so again. If you have second hand books/CD’s/puzzles in a fair condition, please leave in the plastic container at the back of the hall or contact Justine on 0419 654 247 to arrange collection. Justine is also chasing material-type tote bags (as opposed to plastic grocery bags) if you have any spare laying around that you could donate.

Lucky Bags - Prep Purple are looking for small prizes to go into their Lucky Bags – toys, hair items, jewellery etc for boys’ and girls’ prizes. These can be second hand if they are clean and in good condition the Prep classroom or leave in the office.

Coffee House – Are still looking for baristas to enable us to have ground coffee at the Fair. Gina Eriksius is coordinating this stall again and will be chasing people to help her make scones/cupcakes/slice to serve up with the tea/coffee on the day. Please contact her on 0477 304 054 if this sounds like your type of stall to help on.

The White Elephant – The saying ‘some people’s trash is another person’s treasure’ is very evident when you rock up to this stall. Thanks to Amanda McLardy who has backed up again to be coordinator. She is after your junk! Well, any junk that someone else might love to have. So long as it’s clean, not broken and not electrical…please leave in the plastic containers in the back of the hall or contact Amanda on 0414 320 486.

The next P&C meeting is Tuesday 12th May, 6:30 – 8:00pm. All are welcome and you can fill in a P&C application form on the night if you haven’t already. Application forms can also be obtained from the office. Membership is valid for one year only, so even if you were a member last year, you have to renew for 2015.

We would love to see you there. Kathy King 0400 681 442