From the Principal’s Desk

What a week! What a term! What a whirlwind time with you for me! A huge thankyou to all of you here at Farnborough for making it possible for me to feel a part of this very special school. Before I joined the staff here, you were the school with the great Fair; that place with the State standard running track nestled down between the cow paddocks. Now I know that there is more to Farnborough than meets the eye. You have community. A community with a strong focus on what really matters – your children. It has been a privilege to engage with the committed staff here in their all-important work of teaching and learning. I walk away with many new friendships and a very warm place in my heart for Farnborough State School. Have a safe and joyful break.

Year 6 Graduation

On Monday night of this week, our Year 6 leaders celebrated their graduation. All arrived beautifully outfitted for the evening. It was a bittersweet moment in the school year to farewell this wonderful group and wish them well as they step forward into their future. Congratulations Year 6 – under the guidance of Mrs Sharon Forrest you have been an exemplary group of leaders. Our fond thoughts and wishes will travel with you always.

Farewell to Chappy Karenne and Mrs Tracey Mills

Our best wishes to Chappy in her future in Childers. She will be sorely missed by many! Thank you Chappy. Congratulations to Mrs Mills on gaining a position as a Learning Support teacher with the Capricornia School of Distance Education 2017. You will be missed Tracey but we are thrilled that you have gained a position in field for which you carry such passion.

Giving Tree

A big thankyou to all who left gifts under the Giving Tree. Many children in foster care will feel the joy of receiving a gift due to your efforts. At last week’s Parade, we needed a wheelbarrow or two to transport all the gifts over to the hall to be presented. Great community leadership Ebony and Ruby – you are great bucket fillers indeed.
Children's Development

**Principal's page continued**

**Recreational Activities**
This term’s recreational activities ran for their final day last Friday. A big thankyou to staff and volunteers for making this wonderful program possible. Students pictured are proudly displaying the owl illustrations they created with crayons and water colour wash in Mrs Morris’s art group.

**Report Cards**
Report cards and booklists were sent home yesterday. Congratulations to all on your excellent work in class throughout 2016.

**Classes 2017**
Classes will be posted on the Uniform Shop notice board in the week prior to the commencement of 2017.

*Every day at Farnborough has been a great day.*

**Golf Start Early**
Farnborough Preppy, Bethany, plays golf every weekend. In a recent two day Yeppoon closed championship, Bethany played the best she ever has and took out the championship for the girls 3 hole event.

**MISSING BOOKS**
There are a lot of home reading books missing from C Block. Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students please check everywhere at home, even under your beds or in your cupboard. Please return any Home Readers or library books back to Farnborough SS by Thursday morning.

*Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!*
A huge thank you to Mrs Myra Hooper for her reading support over the entire year. It is very much appreciated. Also thank you so much for completing the mammoth task of stock taking our Home Readers this week. Mrs Hooper is amazing.

**TUCKSHOP NEWS**
What a year it has been! A massive thank you to the 50 fantastic volunteers who have helped me and who make it all possible and to the wonderful families who have donated ingredients and produce. The community is strong here at Farnborough and I am so proud to be a part of it.

Remember NO TUCKSHOP this week; I will be busy cooking for the concert and Friday I will be doing stocktake and cleaning.

Have a fantastic break everyone! Regards, Amanda
### DECEMBER

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**STUDENTS WORK**

In Year one I will do art.
In Year one I will do counting.
In year one I will play.
In Year one I will do sharing.
In year one I am going to have a sticker chart.
I will get my pencil ready for the day.

By Lacey L Prep Y

In year one I am going to have a sticker chart. I will get my pencils ready for the day.
By India McD

In year one I will do lots and lots of writing. I might write about bees.
By Elise M

Our recycling super hero’s Plastic Pam and Recycling Ruby will return next year to teach Farnborough students to recycle.

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Many thanks to all the P&C members this year, especially the elected Office Bearers: Jacquie Griffiths, Kate Baldwin-Weight, Gina Enkuzi and Anita Rossiter; and also to the executive members: Jordin Wiltshire, Rachel Walls, Stacey Maddy, Linda Orgill and Kelly Roth - who have helped contribute to the smooth running of our P&C. More thank-you’s will take place at the Concert tomorrow night.

Thank you to the parents who have volunteered their time to help in the Canteen tomorrow. If you didn’t nominate a time-slot, just pop your head in whenever it suits you and see if we could use a hand.

The menu includes hot chips, sausage sizzle, beef curry, vege curry, beef souvlaki (GF), icy poles & cold drinks. As per last year we will begin selling some food after school, and sell until the end of interval or when the food runs out (whichever comes first). Prices are from $1 to $6. Eftpos is available. Our aim is to sell out, so get in early to avoid disappointment.

Please find the concert schedule below.

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Happy holidays to you all! Kathy King 0400 681 442 pandc@farnboross.eq.edu.au

Keep a watch on our school these holidays

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school.

If you see anything suspicious, please remember to call the School Watch number – 13 17 88.

The School Watch Program is a partnership between Education Queensland, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools.

If you do see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

Keep the number handy – 13 17 88 – and let’s work together to help create a safer school community.
**HPE & SPORT NEWS**

**TENNIS TOURNAMENT CHAMPS**
Congratulations to the finalists who played off last Tuesday in the Interhouse Tennis Tournament. The eventual winners were presented with their medallions on parade this morning. Archie W (Yr 6) bagged a double this year in the boys division of the lunchtime sport challenges. Archie played Slater L (Yr 6) in the GF and after a number of great rallies, Archie won two sets to one. Paige J (Yr 4), who recently showed her swimming ability at the Interhouse Swim Carnival, took to the court against Ella Mc (Yr 5) in the girls GF. Although there were a few more squeals and laughs in this game, the eventual result was in favour of Paige.
Well done to all students who participated in the tournament and gained points for their respective house team. In 2017, this tournament will be played in Term 1.

**CHESS CHAMPS**
Thank you to Rick who once again convened the Lunchtime Chess Tournament. The junior (Yr 3 and Yr 4) final was contested between Connor I and Ethan P. 2016 saw Connor win this title. At time of print, the senior tournament is still being run with the top 4 placegetters battling to make the final two. Good luck to the following students- Ella Mc, Jacob L, Josh K and Alannah P. The announcement with presentation of the medallions will be made during the concert evening.

**SPORTING EQUIPMENT UPDATE**
Our school soccer posts are in need of a welding job repair…. Do we have any takers who could possibly do this job in readiness for the start of the new school year? If you could possibly assist please let me know, as this would be much appreciated. A set of new footy goal post pads has been ordered in readiness for 2017. The sad looking sacks on the posts at present have certainly done their job….approximately 10 years or more in age! A few other sporting items will hopefully also be revamped or repaired over the Xmas break.

**GARDEN G-NOME GOSSIP**
Well the rain dance is desperately needed! (but after the end of year concert!). Not a great deal of production in the garden at present. Might have something to do with the elements! Amanda, parent volunteers and the cooking classes this term had their final lessons last week. I sincerely hope these students (and in fact all of the kids who have been involved in the cooking programme this year), try out some of their cooking skills over the six week break….
This Thursday from early morning through to 3pm, I will be in the garden to tidy up and sort out… An assortment of “jobs” are on the roster. Any adult helpers for any length of time at any time during the day would be greatly appreciated! Alternatively if work commitments does not allow this time (which of course is very possible) and we have some volunteers to assist with “chores” over the 6 week break please let me know or just turn up when you can to help out …….I’m sure you will notice any weeding…. watering…. whippersnipping or pruning which may need to be done! (It’s a bit of a continuous cycle…) The poultry are ready for collection anytime this week. Thank you to the families helping out. The ducks and about 3 more chooks are yet to find a holiday home. Any takers…???
Finally THANK YOU to the many parents, grandparents, older siblings, extended family members and FSS community members who have assisted me this year with the many components of the HPE & SPORT programme AND/OR the continuous work in the garden. For me to list names would not be a feasible task as I value contributions of assistance big and small which certainly makes it for teamwork! Thank you also to the students – juniors and seniors who have also supported the programmes and involved themselves in their learning experiences.

*Have a great break – keep safe and enjoy some quality family time together.  *Margie
Yeppoon Sharks Swimming Club

Yeppoon Sharks Swimming Club is a local swimming club based at Yeppoon Aquatic Centre. Our members range from kindy to high school aged swimmers of all abilities.

We are inviting families to “come and try” our club night on a special night of Wednesday 18th of January 2017 for a night of fun and swimming. Gate opens at 5.30pm for a 6pm start. Come and see what makes the Sharks club so awesome and experience the welcoming atmosphere for yourself. Regular weekly club nights return Friday 27 January 2017.

Please contact us if you would like to know more about Yeppoon Sharks Swimming Club by email yeppoonsharks@gmail.com or via our Facebook page.