P&C News

Thank you to Alicia Thorpe and Susan Sheppard who organised the bbq and cake stall at the cross country carnival last term. It was a great success and I know appreciated by all those parents that attended. We look forward to them repeating this at the athletics carnival.

Thanks also to Kathy King who organised and sold tickets for the Easter Hamper Raffle which raised money for our sponsor child in Cambodia.

Our planning for the Farnborough Fair is now well under way. Thank you to those who have volunteered so far to help in organising and also assist on the day. Our next Fair meeting is on this Friday 9th May at 9am in the staff room. Please join us for a cuppa to hear the exciting news about sponsors and prizes that we have sourced so far. Please also read the note below regarding the stalls at the Fair.

The Potato Planting Party that was postponed in March will now be held on Sunday May 18th from 3.30pm in the kitchen garden. This event is for the entire school community and we hope to see many faces sponsoring a spud for $2 and then planting it at the party. It will be a great opportunity to pull a few weeds out too. Pam will be running some games for the kids and we all know how much fun her wheel barrow races and scavenger hunts are.

BYO pizza to cook in the oven and drinks.

Hope to see lots of people at our P&C Meeting next Tuesday 13th May at 6.30pm in the school staff room.

Please feel free to contact me on 0438 283 342 if you have any questions.

Michelle McCann (FSS P&C President)

Dear Parents, Students & Staff

What a wonderful job our Rugby League boys did at the Development Cup which was held at St Brendan's College on Friday. Two teams competed with the senior boys winning two out of three games and the junior boys won their last game. Very pleasing were the comments about the wonderful sportsmanship shown by our students.

Mr West did a fantastic job of training; spending a number of lunchtimes to teach and hone game skills. Thank you also to Margie for organising the day and to Kellie and the parents who supervised and supported on the day.

While on the topic of sport, we were recently notified that we have been successful in our nomination for the CQ Sporty Schools project. Only 30 schools in Central QLD were chosen for this project and we will be receiving substantial funding for modified sports equipment and professional development to increase physical activity through sport. We will bring you more information on this initiative later.

Kobi is one of our talented Farnborough students. She entered a story writing competition and recently found out that her contribution “The Fear Within” has been chosen for publication. We are looking forward to seeing the work of one of our students in print.

Carol Butler-Mader (Principal)

HEALTH MATTERS

- Please be aware that we have been notified of a case of hand, foot and mouth disease in one of our students.
- Head Lice is going around the school. Could you please check your child’s head for any little unwanted guests and treat them appropriately.
- The cold weather has hit us unexpectedly and a number of students have very sore and dry lips. Could you please send along with them a lip balm to help soothe the pain.
- Also with the cold weather, students are coming to school without a jumper. Please check with your child that they have a jumper in their bag before leaving the house.

UNIFORM SHOP

Please note:- The Uniform Shop is now open on Tuesday afternoons from 2.45pm — 15:30pm.

Call your child's teacher to discuss any concerns before sending in a new order.

6th May 2014
HPE & SPORT NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS – To our Rugby League boys who represented our school with great pride last Friday at the Development Cup Day. We had a mixture of playing conditions with humidity, heat and steam followed by a few downpours! But everyone seemed to enjoy themselves (including our supportive parents) and as the day progressed the boys certainly improved and "gelled" as a team. Sacred Heart was the eventual winner of both divisions. The boys chose their “Players Player” and the signed balls were presented today in the lunch hour. Emmett P was chosen as the junior’s player whilst “Tackling Machine” Casey S won the votes of his senior team members. The Coach’s awards (which of course is always a difficult award to choose as we always have so many boys giving their best each game) - but this year Harry R was chosen as the Junior’s recipient whilst Campbell M was selected as the senior award winner. These boys both received a pack of “goodies” from the NRL Development.

Congratulations to Andrew Barry was chosen into the Rockhampton District Soccer team and he will be travelling to Moranbah for the CAP Titles. Also Isaac Jackson has been away showing off his skills at the 11yrs CAP Rugby League Titles in Mackay.

THANK YOU to all the parents who assisted and supported on the day but in particular thanks to Kellie Roth, Wayne Trennery and Michael West for their assistance before and throughout the carnival.

JASON RICH FOUNDATION – FUN RUN – we didn’t get too many little Farnboroughites to this event but well done to Haylee Mc, Colby L and Tom O (and all their support crew) for stomping along the Farnborough Road on such a cold morning! Well done to Tom O who was placed 3rd in the 13/under division. He set a great pace and was on the return leg when I was still on the way to the turnaround! Tom was presented with a medal for his effort.

REMINDERS…………

CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING & INTENTIONS – I am still chasing a few notes from students who were invited into our school cross country team. Even if your child is not attending I do need the tear off section returned OR a parental note stating intentions. Nominations to this event are due this Friday plus private transport arrangements will then also need to be sorted. Scheduled training runs have been given to all students and it is strongly recommended that either this program be followed or the athlete ensure they are doing their own training runs. The next level is certainly a lot faster however, there are a few of our students who are working hard and certainly will be competitive at this level.

FRIDAY INTERSCHOOL SPORT – This commences THIS FRIDAY – NO NOTE NO PLAY!!!! Having a bit of difficulty finding the payment please send in part payment or speak to Carol about the payment. But… NO PERMISSION NOTE – NO PLAY as some of our students are becoming very blasé about handing in their paperwork. This is a good learning curve for our senior (Yr 6 & 7) students to become more responsible in this area in readiness for secondary school.

YR 6/7 CAMP – FAIRBAIRN – Reminder to return paperwork and payment (or part thereof) as soon as possible. Thanks. Have an Active Healthy Week. Margie

DATE CLAIMER

MAY

9th Country Fair Meeting @ 9:00am
11th Mothers Day
13,14 & 15th NAPLAN Testing
19th Touch 12 years Trials

NAPLAN TESTING

Next week our Year 3, 5, and 7 students will complete NAPLAN tests. NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy.

Why do students do NAPLAN tests?

NAPLAN is the measure through which governments, education authorities, schools, teachers and parents can determine whether or not young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

NAPLAN tests are constructed to give students an opportunity to demonstrate skills they have learned over time through the school curriculum, and NAPLAN test days should be treated as just another routine event on the school calendar. Class teachers have been busy ensuring that the students are familiar with the test formats and will provide appropriate support and guidance. Questions are multiple-choice or require a short written response. The writing task requires students to write a text in response to a prompt. It is important to remember that NAPLAN tests are not pass/fail tests. NAPLAN tests provide very valuable information, but there are no consequences for individual students for poor or good performance. It is not expected that all students will be able to answer all questions correctly.

A NAPLAN report will be issued later in the year. The same report format is used for every student in Australia. Your child’s individual performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each test. The performance of individual students can be compared to the average performance of all students in Australia.

The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure them that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. Ensure they have a good night’s sleep prior to the tests and eat a healthy breakfast. Check they have the items listed below to enable them to complete the tests stress free. The tests and preparation for these begins at 9:00am sharp each test day so it is essential that your child arrives at school on time. This will allow them time to settle into the day with their peers.

All students require:

- Lead pencils
- An eraser
- Calculator (Year 7 only)

If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to see speak to your class teacher or myself. Further information is available at: www.nap.edu.au

Ellen Clayton (Head of Curriculum)