OUR NEWSLETTER
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SPONSORS have arrived which means no more single use plastic packaging or cutlery at Farnborough!

Our school is proud to be a part of the Reef Guardian Program and the huge success of our tuckshop also means a huge amount of unnecessary packaging that ends up in landfill or potentially goes into our beautiful waterways. The Farnborough kids are constantly learning about reducing and recycling and this will extend on their learning. The scraps will go into a bucket which will then feed our chickens; or go onto the compost heap for our beautiful vege garden. The plates will then be placed into the sink for rinsing and then into the dishwasher that The Good Guys Rockhampton kindly donated to make this project a reality. This will be an extremely rewarding and exciting challenge and one that the whole school community can be a part of.

Secondly, Flexi Schools is close to being ready for online ordering. I am just waiting for our IT guy to fix a couple of things and we will be ready to go! In the mean time you can register at www.flexischools.com.au keep an eye out on our facebook page The Tuckshop @ Farnborough for updates.

A big thank you to my new helper Belinda for coming into prep with me on Tuesday, thank you to Jodie and Dee for helping out on Wednesday and thank you my Friday crew, Deanna, Julia and Brooke.

The new menu has proven popular, the children are loving the yummy new milkshakes, the UFO’s and potato cakes ‘The Mash Up’ are extremely popular.

If you have any dietary concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone, email or just catch up with me at school, I’m always there! 0414 320 486 or tuckshop@farnboross.eq.edu.au

Thank you to those who came along to help at our Garden Working Bee on Saturday. Thanks especially to Margie, who worked in the garden for the whole day, Sue and Doug Memmott who not only worked around the school but also completed a number of trips to the tip and all the parents and staff who turned up to help – Mrs Nielsen and representatives from the Anderson, Ford, Allen, Nielsen, Maddy, McCauley and Bunce families.

Would you like to know more about what your child is learning in class over this term? Every classroom teacher has been working to unpack a unit of English and produce a ‘Learning Wall’, which has information to help students understand what they are learning and how they can achieve great results in their assessment for the unit.

Feel free to have a look at your child’s classroom. Our Morning Reading started this morning. We have been able to offer amazing support to readers in these before school groups. If you have received a note and not sent it back, please do so as soon as possible to take advantage of this program – we were missing some students this morning.

As it is the beginning of the school year, I thought it useful to include a couple of rule reminders in this week’s newsletter. These cover the questions most commonly asked by parents.

• The appropriate arrival time for your child is between 8.15am and 8.30am. Children are required to sit in the undercover area outside the Hall, with their ports, until 8.30am when classrooms are opened. Please make sure your children are at school and in the classroom ready to learn by 8.55am when class starts.

• The playgrounds are out of bounds after 3.00pm, even if there is a parent present. If still at school, students are able to go on the playgrounds after 3.15 under parent supervision. This is to stop unsupervised students on the playground.

• The wearing of a school uniform, including school hats, is compulsory at Farnborough State School. Jewellery, apart from sleepers or studs is not permitted to be worn at school. Uniform shop opening hours are Mondays from 3.00pm – 3.30pm and Wednesday from 8.00am — 9.00am.

• If your child is absent, please let us know via a brief note or phone call. If you receive a text message regarding an unexplained absence, please respond promptly, either via text or phone call.

• If your child arrives late to school, they must go to the office for a late slip before going to their classroom. If they are leaving early, students need to be signed out from the office.

• If your child will be absent for more than 10 days, you need to complete an exemption from schooling form, which is available from the Office.

• If your child is going to be absent that day (with a brief explanation for the absence).

• Notify the school by phone or email before 9:00am if your child is going to be absent that day (with a brief explanation for the absence).

Please ensure that your mobile phone number and other contact details are up-to-date on the school records. This is critical, as we need to be able to contact you in case of emergency.

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Thank you for your support.

Carol Butler-Mader (Principal)
Children's Development

**Student of the Week Awards**

**Prep P**
- Alex G for a super effort listening in class
- Rylan S for clever numbers and letters work

**Prep Y**
- Charlie G for trying hard in his first weeks of prep
- Macy F for confidently completing her activities
- India McD for always completing her work neatly
- Ella H for always following instructions and being a super listener

**Year 1 Purple**
- Bonnie S for great writing about the weekend. Great capitals.
- Kaleb G for fabulous writing on his own about mixing colours. Great effort!

**Year 1 Yellow**
- Wade R for a working hard in English lessons

**Year 2 Purple**
- Amelia R for always trying her best
- Darcy R for great participation in classroom discussions

**Year 2 Yellow**
- Annalise R for enjoying our classroom with confidence
- Islah S for always using her eagle eye

**Year 3 Purple**
- Bridget M for completing her homework with no errors

**Year 3 Yellow**
- Mia E for having an excellent attitude to learning and positive contributions in class
- Luce E for writing an engaging summary of “The Rainbow Serpent”
- Finn G for working hard in reading groups and being a word wizard
- Sharmeka W for working hard in maths renaming numbers

**Year 5 Purple**
- Josie P for a settled start joining the Year 5 class, welcome to Farnborough.
- Ruby H for a fantastic effort emptying the school compost bins every day.

**Year 4 Purple**
- Joe S for being a mature role model in the classroom

**Year 5/6**
- Mack E for showing enthusiasm in class activities
- Jess P for being a mature role model in the classroom

**Year 6 Purple**
- Kai G for actively participating in all class discussions

**PERFORMING ARTS**

- Nikita D for good listening skills
- Ava H for excellent singing
- Nat F for being enthusiastic and positive towards music

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**HEP & SPORT NEWS**

- Bats, balls, catch and throw, balancing, hopping, skipping, climbing, and working with other people as well as hints to keep actively fit. That’s the focus across the year levels in HEP this term. Perhaps as a parent you could throw a challenge out to your little one… How many catches can you do before dropping a large ball, a small ball…? What about balancing on different body parts then moving blindfolded along a small balance beam? During this hot weather it’s fantastic that the hall is our central learning space. However students still do need to bring to school each day a hat, a waterbottle and wear appropriate sporting shoes on their HEP day.

**ROCKHAMPTON DISTRICT TRIALS- 10yrs to 12yrs**
Please find information on the HPE /SPORTS BOARD (near the high-rise classroom –Yr 5) regarding the Representative Sport Trials. Students trialing must have a permission form completed by their parent/guardian and must have this same form signed by Carol or myself. Good luck to Riley W who is trialling for Rton district AFL tomorrow afternoon. As a FSS student –be fair, demonstrate sportsmanship and come away knowing you have tried your best!

**FRIDAY FITNESS** commences NEXT FRIDAY (February 17th) - 7.45 TO 8.30. All ages welcome Prep to Yr 6 and parents (and younger siblings) are welcome to join in too. Ziggyman will be pleased! We will meet in the hall. The numbers attending will determine the physical activities we will be doing.

**GREENCLUB** commences THIS THURSDAY (February 9th) 7.45 -8.30am AND/OR 3.00- 4.15pm. SORRY BUT I MADE A MISTAKE IN LAST WEEKS NEWSLETTER DATE CLAIMER – AFTERNOON GROUP STARTS THIS WEEK TOO! GET THOSE RAINDANCES GOING…. Cos we need that “stuff from the sky” Have a great week…Keep hydrated! Margie

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**FROM YOUR P & C ASSOCIATION**

**Everyone** is welcome next week to our first P & C meeting of the year—Tuesday 14th February, commencing at 6:30pm in the library. Come and join us for Valentines evening of drinks and nibbles. Kathy, Jacque, Kate and Anita.

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**GARDEN G-NOME GOSSEP**

Thank you to the band of workers who braved the heat on Saturday to clean up parts of the orchard/rainforest area and along the Farnborough Rd fence line…originally called the “wild side”! We are hoping to tame this area and have it ready for the Fair with all of our beautiful plants we will be selling- a bit like a FSS nursery! We still have a few stages to go before we start our potting up in readiness for the July date. We welcome assistance at any time with any areas of our garden development.

Please join us in the greenclub times or alternatively when it suits your own personal family time. Always an open gate and as with all gardens…always plenty to do!

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**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

Please stop and have a look at the notice board (uniform shop wall) for what’s happening around town.

Clean up Australia Day - Stressed about back to school costs?

The Smith Family Saver Plus - Chess Club

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