Dear Parents, Students & Staff

What a lot of fun Farnborough School students had getting to school on National Ride to School Day. One group of Year 6 students rode bikes from the Bangalee Beach ramp, accompanied by teachers, members of the local Bicycle Users Group (BUG), a Human Powered Vehicle (HPV) from YSHS, Councillor Adam Belot and a number of parents. The students did the distance easily and the ride left all of us thinking how wonderful it would be to have enough bike tracks to ride to school every day. Thanks Margie and teachers, Rick, Miss Coucom and Mrs Forrest. Other students who brought bikes and scooters to school were treated to some bike riding activities throughout the day.

Meanwhile another group of students gathered at Fishing Creek Road to ride horses to school. These students had an early start and arrived at school around 8.30am in spectacular style, with the horses navigating the crossing carefully on their way in. The students were accompanied by two of our teachers, Miss McKee and Ms Morgan and a number of parents and the ride was made possible by Iwasaki Grazing staff, who opened gates and slashed a track to make the way easier.

Students and families also supported Fiji Friday, dressing in colourful clothing and donating to the Cyclone Fund. Compliments of Coal Train, students were treated to an icy pole each. The Year 5 class did a great job organising this event. Thank you to the Szekeres family who made flower corsages for sale. Well done Year 5 for organising this event and raising money to support a community devastated by cyclone.

On Friday Year 6 students spoke wonderfully about what they would do as sport leaders and while all did an amazing job, there could only be 4 leaders elected for each house. Congratulations to the successful applicants.

Doesn’t the garden around the Admin block look fantastic? Thank you to Kathy and Margie for organising our Saturday working bee and the families who turned up to help. There is another working bee planned for this Saturday at 3pm.

Carol Butler – Mader (Principal)
Student of the Week Awards

**Prep P**
- Mason H for clever reading of Magic Words
- Ashley J for clever counting with big numbers

**Prep Y**
- Kaleb G for trying super hard with sentence writing!
- Lacey L for trying super hard with her letters and sounds

**Year 1 Purple**
- Jacob C for consistently achieving top spelling marks!
- Cohan R for his outstanding effort on his homework.

**Year 1 Yellow**
- Ike G for making great progress on his sight words this term. Wonderful!
- Stella E for great work on her homework spelling every week. Top effort!

**Year 2 Purple & Yellow**
- Tekeila McD for great contribution in maths sessions. Keep it up.
- Tahlia B for a great attitude towards tasks.

**Year 3 Purple**
- Luke D for your sensational spelling skills!
- Ava K for your creativity in your narrative writing!

**Year 3 Yellow**
- Ella P for being a super, smart speller!
- Griffen B for his determination solving maths problems

**Year 4**
- Dayna G for always striving for excellence
- Jett L for amazing homework effort

**Year 4/5**
- Abby W for entertaining story writing
- Tahlia T for taking extra care and effort with her homework

**Year 5**
- Mia V for a determined effort in all areas of school life
- Jay S for always showing enthusiasm towards learning

**Year 6**
- Alannah P for approaching new and challenging work with enthusiasm
- Kensie O’B for enthusiasm in her creative short story writing

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“You can find magic wherever you look; you can find magic by reading a book.” Dr Suess

Reading with your child provides a special togetherness time as well as contributing to improved literacy. It is pleasing to see many of our Prep and Year 1 parents reading to their children in the Resource Centre and assisting their child to select a book. This modelling sends the message that we all need reading and that it is both enjoyable and informative. Reading does not need to take a lot of your time. It may take many forms - sharing a whole book, reading signs along the road and in shops, or simply reading the caption under the photograph of your latest fishing magazine. The impact of men reading to boys has been shown to have a particularly strong influence on a boy’s involvement in reading. March 19 is International Read to Me Day.

You can get involved by:
* signing up to stay in touch with this event: http://www.readtomeday.com/
* posting a photo on or before March 19 https://www.facebook.com/InternationalReadToMeDay/
* posting a tweet on or before March 19 https://twitter.com/ReadToMeDay
* sharing a photo on or before March 19 https://www.instagram.com/readtomeday/

Writing Competitions
Calling all writers!!!! Currently there are two writing competitions for budding writers to enter. Firstly, The Morning Bulletin Monthly Young Writer’s Awards – students write an original short story of 500 words or less. Entries are open to Prep - Year 6 students. Stories are judged each month, prizes awarded and the winner’s story published in the paper. Further details can be found at: www.themorningbulletin.com.au/competitionterms

Write 4 Fun is another opportunity to have your stories published in a bound publication. Previously, students from our school have had success. Many great prizes are on offer. Entries close on Thursday 31st March. Further details can be found online at www.write4fun.net or on the posters in the library.

Lorraine Nielsen (Head of Curriculum)

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INTERHOUSE SPORT ELECTIONS

Congratulations to ALL of the Year 6 Students for participating in the house elections. Congratulations to the following students who were elected by their house team members to be their Sports Leaders for 2016.

**Bluebottles**
Astrah B, Anna N, Slater L, Donta W

**Green Cros**
Jacob L, Charlotte R, Selena F, Samantha C

**Redbacks**
Jesse H, Tom M, Kiera M, Kyra P

Badges will be presented to these Students next Thursday (March 17th) on the afternoon parade.

NATIONAL RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY — March 4th

Thank you to all of the students, parents, staff and community helpers who were involved, supported or assisted this day last Friday.

ROCKHAMPTON DISTRICT SPORT TRIALS

Please check the Date Claimers as well as the Sports Noticeboard for all this information. Over the next 2 weeks there are quite a few Rockhampton trials being held. Any student trialing must collect paperwork from either myself or the ladies in the office.

Thanks Margie

COMMUNITY NOTICES

**DO YOU WANT TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND LEARN ABOUT OTHER CULTURES?**

We have an exciting opportunity coming for you. A group of Students from Wako High School, Yeppoon State High School's sister school in Japan, is making their annual visit to Yeppoon State High School and we are looking for families who may be interested in becoming a host family for one of the students.

**WHEN?**
Saturday, 23 July - Wednesday, 3 August 2016 (10 days)

**WHY?**
The benefits of this program are many. It is an excellent opportunity for our students to make friends with someone from another country and learn about other cultures.

**HOSTING A STUDENT IS EASY!**
As a host family, you would be provided with financial assistance to cover the cost of hosting your student. You would need to provide three meals a day (including a packed lunch) and arrange transport to and from school. It would be good if students also had their own room in your home, but this is not essential. The students all have a good level of English so communication should not be a problem.

**INTERESTED?**
Please contact Nobuko Yukimatsu or Sandy Vass at the school for more information.

Ph: 49251345
Email: Nobuko nyuki2@eq.edu.au or Sandy svass19@eq.edu.au

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**Capricorn Coast Football Club Inc.**

**Registrations Now Open!**

**MiniRoos Junior Football**
(players born between 2005 - 2012)

Join us at our Information & ‘Come & Try’ days
At Apex Park Club Grounds
March 12th & 19th
Be there at 8:15am for 8:30am start
(teams will be formed on the day for mini-games)

Season Starts: 16th April 2016

For further information please visit our Facebook page:
https://www.facebook.com/CapricornCoastFootballClub
The **2016 AGM** of our P&C Association will be held in the Library at 6:30pm tonight. Everyone is welcome to attend. Membership forms will be available at the meeting.

**We have NO nominations** for a Secretary; a Fundraising Coordinator; nor a Publicity Officer. If you think you might have the skills to do any of these jobs (or if you have a kind heart and some spare time a few hours each month) please come along tonight, take a step forward… and you’ll have an official role before you can say “Did I have my hand up?”

The annual **Easter Hamper raffle** is on again. We ask each family to bring in one non-perishable food item to contribute to the hamper. Please leave these at the office. Many thanks to those who have already donated… the first basket is half-full! Tickets are being sold for $2 each. You can buy them before school near the uniform shop area or in the office.

The first **working bee** for 2016 was held on Saturday morning. It might take a couple of months before you notice a big difference, as our little plants need to grow, but a wonderful group of gardeners joined Margie around the admin building. Thank you to Deb, Kellie, Bec, Kerry, Brad, Mary, Tania & Carol and to children Jess, Alexandra, Spencer, Dusty, Summer and Indie… what a team! Our gratitude also extends to the lovely people who donated all the plants. Thank you so much.

Another working bee will be this Saturday 12th, 3pm – 5pm. All help greatly appreciated. If you have any **spare potted plants or cuttings** that we could utilise (or if you are happy to donate plants) please bring them in at any time and leave them at the gateway to the SA Kitchen Garden near the basketball courts.

**Kathy King**
**0400 681 442**

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**TUCKSHOP NEWS**
What a great week it was in tuckshop! I had two brand new helpers on Wednesday: a big thank you to Jodie & Kate for coming in and donating your time, you guys did great 😊 Also, thank you to Stacey M and Tina for coming in at such short notice, it really is wonderful to have helpers on call when things don’t quite go to plan. Thank you to Melinda and Kath for helping with the tallying of orders.

If anyone is ever free for half an hour to count up the orders on Wednesday or Friday please stop by and lend a hand, I really do appreciate it.

The donations of ingredients are also a big help. Thanks to those families who have thrown an extra item into their shopping trolley, every little bit helps!

*I hope you all have a wonderful week.* Regards, Amanda

**KITCHEN NEWS**
Year 4 had a wonderful time on Friday learning how to make Eggy Bread, otherwise known as French Toast. A big thank you to Sarah for dropping in to help; the children really love when their parent is there.

If you can spare time from 12 to 1.30pm it would be very much appreciated.

*Regards, Amanda*