The P&C were busy over the school holidays – mainly in the uniform shop. We cleared out the old ‘Archives Room’ and gave it a complete renovation. Hopefully you’ve had time to pop your head in to say hello to Jordin. She has already given hours of service to parents - over the holidays and in the new shop, and we thank her for her time which is 100% voluntary! The other exciting holiday purchase was the EFTPOS machine - for the uniform shop as well as other P&C events. Many thanks to Jacquie & Kate for all the effort they went to in order to get this up and running. They are our P&C Treasurers – and again, all their time is completely voluntary.

The Tuckshop opened up both Wednesday and Friday last week, and we thank Amanda and her volunteer helpers for getting such quality food prepared from scratch for our children. You all do a marvellous job!

We appreciate all the assistance we are given by our school community, whether you actively help with functions during the year or you are a family who is happy to support via attendance. All monies raised go directly back into providing our school with extra purchases that are not possible without fundraising.

The P&C have lost a number of parents (with all their children now at high school) who were the backbone of our fundraising efforts. We need your support to replace their energy and enthusiasm to continue boosting the quality of our children’s schooling and school environment.

Thank you to those of you who have returned your ‘Active Parent Helper’ forms from last week’s newsletter. If you have missed it, please find it attached. We would love to have all families fill it in and return it asap. It helps the P&C know where our strengths lie, and who to call on (and who to leave alone) when different events come around.

If you have thought about joining the P&C, and haven’t as yet…please take a step forward and come to the first P&C meeting of the year – tonight, 6:30pm in the Library. Meetings usually last for 1 ½ - 2 hours. If you are unable to attend the meetings but would still like to be a member of the P&C, please fill in a membership form which can be found in the Office.

Kathy King 0400 681 442

Dear Parents, Students & Staff

Congratulations to Margie, who won a Landcare grant of $500. This grant will enable us to re-instate our beach walk, and at the same time ‘adopt’ Farnborough Beach. Using the beach walk as a clean-up opportunity will give students a chance to be more aware of our local environment. There will be more information about the beach walk in a later newsletter.

Would you like to know more about what your child is learning in English and Mathematics over this term? Every classroom teacher has produced an ‘Anchor Chart’ which is displayed in their room and outlines the work that will be covered in English and Maths. Feel free to have a look.

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 until 8.30 am when classrooms are opened. The playgrounds are out of bounds before school and after 3 pm, even if there is a parent present. In the afternoon, students need to be either picked up by a parent or wait at the Stop Drop Go or bus areas.

• If your child is absent, please let us know via a brief note or phone call. 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 requires medication during the school day, you will need to let us know. Medication, apart from asthma puffers, stays in the Office and must be brought to school in the original pharmacy packaging and appropriately labelled. Unfortunately, we cannot administer non-prescription medication (eg. Paracetamol) unless it is labelled by a pharmacist or accompanied by a doctor’s letter.

• The wearing of a school uniform is compulsory at Farnborough State School. Jewellery, apart from sleepers or studs, is not permitted to be worn at school.

• As schools are required to follow the Healthy Choices policy, students are able to bring fruit ice blocks or fruit sticks to school as a birthday treat, rather than birthday cakes.

P&C meeting in the Resource Centre 6.30 tonight. Please come along and we can make this meeting the biggest ever. There will be some nibbles provided on the night!

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

Prep P
Xavier L for excellent manners and a great attitude! I can do it!
Adelaide G for super science - predicting the weather.

Prep Y
Bonnie S for a great start to Prep.
Michael McG for a great start to Prep.

Year 1 Purple
Cahan R for super effort in reading groups.
Ethan T for following instructions quickly.

Year 1 Yellow
Ziggy H for carefully listening, thinking about what is happening and working hard in class.
Aimi B for listening carefully, using her manners and always trying her best.

Year 2 Purple & Yellow
Sarah E for great work in poetry.
Ashton W for great work with his poetry.

Year 3 Purple
Kauus F-S for your contributions in reading groups.
Indiana J for consistently working hard in class.

Year 3 Yellow
Mia W for her focus and interest in lessons.
Andrew G for being an active participant in reading.

Year 4
Jayden G for great maths explanations.
Shae G for being helpful to others.

Year 4/5
Casey S for excellent effort in reading groups.
Gabby S for personal organisation and readiness for learning.

Year 5
Dylan B for being an enthusiastic student especially in Languages (Japanese) classes.
Lily P for showing pride in your work presentation.

Year 6
Kyden A for showing self-discipline to finish classroom tasks.
Charlotte R for working quickly and quietly on any given task.

Reading With My Child
Supporting My Child’s Reading Development Workshop

It’s not too late to come! If you haven’t yet registered for our Parent Reading Session to be held in the library on Wednesday 10 February, come along from 9-11 tomorrow and join us to learn valuable strategies to support your developing reader.

Join us for a two hour session where we will outline the reading instruction strategies used by our teachers. We will also explore the reading process, how children learn to read and how best to support them to become independent expert readers. See you there.

FROM THE FINANCE DESK
There are still a few families that have outstanding fees for Swimming. All students from Year 1 to Year 3 will participate in Swimming lessons this term at a cost of $31.00. Please remember to finalise your account as soon as possible. Please pop in or give us a call if you need any other information regarding your child’s school account. Thanks, Kellie

ARTSLINK PERFORMANCE
Artslink is bringing ‘CRAZY SCIENCE’ to Farnborough State School on Wednesday the 16th of March 2016. The cost of the show is $8.00 per student. A permission form will be sent home shortly, but in the meantime, here is an outline of the CRAZY show!

CRAZY SCIENCE
In a science lab far far away...

Australian stage magician of the year, Richard Scholes. Takes you on a wild ride in this world-class interactive show. Crazy Science features a hilarious mix of science, magic, illusion, comedy music and the Arts.

Witness incredible science magic such as giant columns of elephant toothpaste, rockets launching, the world’s weirdest bird, massive smoke rings zooming, levitations, gigantic bubbles, mountains of slime, lightning striking and Earth shattering experiments that change the way you see the world around you.

With ten years of scientific research at the University of Queensland behind him, multi-award winning entertaining scientist and teacher Richard Scholes teaches primary students of all levels about catalysts, reactants, chemicals change, science safety, weather patterns, climate change, Earth, space and more!

Crazy Science is a wonderful opportunity for students to explore, respond to, and understand important science concepts and processes.

REMINDEERS
- To hand in the P & C’s Active Parent Helper form to the office. (from last week’s newsletter)
- Reading with my child Workshop (9-11am, in the library)
- Check the Notice Board for Community Notices. (outside the uniform shop)
- Uniform Shop is open Wednesday morning from 8:00am and Monday afternoon from 2:30pm.
- Swimming payments are over due.
- Religion Classes commence this Thursday.