Car Parking Upgrades Update

Late last year it was announced that the Queensland State Government and Livingstone Shire Council (LSC) had committed $175,000 for improvements to the Farnborough State School. At a meeting with staff from Livingstone Shire Council (LSC) Staff and Transport and Main Roads (TMR) this morning, it was confirmed that the FSS P & C’s Application submitted to the Community Road Safety Grant Scheme in September last year had been successful, effectively adding an additional $25,000 towards these works.

Over the past few months, LSC have been working on the design and final plans for Hinz Avenue. This is not an easy job, as the Council must work around existing infrastructure while meeting the Transport and Main Roads requirements found in the document “Planning for Safe Transport Infrastructure at Schools”. The final plan will be a ‘best-fit’ within these constraints.

While the plans are not yet finalised, the design will include a ‘Stop, Drop, Go’ zone, short term and long term parking and a safe crossing area. We are looking forward to this work, which will make accessing the school safer for our students. There will be more information in our weekly newsletters as this project progresses.

While we are talking about the safety of our students, I would like to remind parents NOT jump the gutter at the front of the school (near the bus turnaround). This is dangerous as we do have children walking in this area.

TENDER FOR ITEMS FROM TUCKSHOP RENOVATION

Due to the renovation of our tuckshop, there are two items for sale by tender closing 3.00pm on Friday 27 February 2015.

**Item 1** - Cabinetry and sink. These items can be viewed outside the tuckshop. Offered on an ‘as is’ basis.

**Item 2** – Gas oven. Working when last used except for an issue with heat regulation in oven. Offered on an ‘as is’ basis.

For a complete tender document, additional information or an inspection of the property, please contact staff at the school office.

Please check the COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD for the following notices:-

- Cap Coast Football Club
- Get your Family active and eating well
- Capricorn Gospel Choir
- Archer Park Rail Museum
- Homes4Life Breakfast

Dear Parents, Students & Staff

At Farnborough we pride ourselves on the caring and supportive school environment. On the whole, our student behaviour is excellent and our students care for others and look after younger and new students.

To ensure we reinforce this type of interaction amongst our students, we are introducing a program called Bucket Filling. The basic idea of the program is that we all carry an invisible bucket around, and this bucket contains our feelings and emotional wellbeing. When our bucket is full, we feel happy and when it is empty, we feel sad or angry. A Bucket Filler is someone who says or does something nice for others. This can be as simple as a smile, a compliment or an act of kindness. On the other hand, a Bucket Dipper says or does something to cause other people to feel bad. We of course want our students to be bucket fillers and not bucket dippers.

Resilience is a very important social skill for all students to learn. In Bucket Filling language, resilience is putting a lid on your bucket so that no one is able to dip into it.

Over the year, we will continue to talk about bucket filling, and by demonstrating Bucket Filling behaviours, students will be able to receive entries to our parade ‘bucket’ draw.

Carol Butler-Mader  Principal
DATE CLAIMER

**PREP YELLOW**
- Summer J for being a great helper
- Chase E for always trying hard

**PREP PURPLE**
- Arwen W for fantastic listening and caring for books.
- Cohan R for excellent manners and a great attitude to learning.

**YEAR 1 YELLOW**
- Eshan P for fantastic sentence writing
- Callum S for putting in a great effort in all classroom activities

**YEAR 1 PURPLE**
- Elle G for showing off her wonderful writing.
- Cody W for being on time for school and his learning.

**YEAR 2**
- Cruz S for working hard in history.
- Fletcher M for working hard on tasks and putting in his best effort.

**YEAR 3 / 4**
- Jay S Welcome to Farnborough. You have made a fantastic start.
- Laylah P Welcome to Farnborough. You have settled in so well.

**YEAR 4**
- Fysher S for “Always being studious”
- Mia Van Arkel for “Always being studious”

**YEAR 5 / 6**
- Rhys W for displaying resilience under pressure and striving to improve in class.
- Indiana J for displaying a quiet determination in the classroom.
- Bobbie-Lee S for fitting in so well in your new class with 100% effort.

**YEAR 6**
- Tom O for always being a supportive team member within group work.
- Eilidh P for being a Maths Wizard, thinking beyond and above set tasks.

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**FROM THE HOC'S DESK – ** **EMPOWERING FAMILIES**

It’s great to be back at Farnborough State School in my original role as Head of Curriculum. The HOC role involves working with teachers to: deliver the Australian and Queensland Curriculum, develop high quality teaching practices and to cater for all students.

Farnborough has always prided itself on being a family friendly school. In the first few weeks, I have seen that link strengthened by teachers offering parent information meetings in the junior school and by informative class letters being sent home to provide information regarding year level routines and special events. An important aspect of empowering families to be engaged in their child’s learning is common understanding of how a classroom operates.

In this way, parents, teachers and the admin team can improve the learning outcomes for each child. If you have any questions around curriculum, I encourage you always to firstly consult with your child’s teacher.

Together we can make a difference to your child’s learning.

Lorraine Nielsen HOC

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**P & C NEWS**

**Farnborough School Annual General Meeting**

In accordance with Part 17 of the Association’s constitution, notice is given of the 2015 Annual General Meeting of Farnborough State School Parents and Citizens Association. The meeting will be held in the Administration Building at 6.30pm on Tuesday 10th March 2015. A copy of the agenda for the AGM & descriptions of the executive committee positions is available to view at the school office. Nominations for all executive positions will be declared open including President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. You must be a member of the P&C to cast your vote. Membership forms are available from the school office.

Are you looking for ways to get involved at the school? Everybody is welcome to attend the meetings, which serve as an important opportunity to discuss issues of mutual interest and extend the communication between the parent body and the school. It is a formal mechanism for parents, carers, staff and students to participate in school decision making.

If you have ideas to help raise funds for our school or make general improvements, then please come along and share them with us. P&C can be contacted at pandc@farnborough.state.qld.edu.au

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**MARCH**

- **4th & 11th**: 12 Years Australian football (AFL) born 2003 or later Trials 10am — 12noon
- **8th & 22nd**: 12 Years Girls Football (Soccer) Born 2003 or later Trials 4:00pm — 5:30pm
- **10th**: P & C Annual General Meeting
- **13th**: National Ride 2 School
- **17th**: 12 Years Tennis Trials 8:30am — 4:00pm
- **27th**: Cross Country Fun Run 9am—11am

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**APRIL**

- **2nd**: Last day for Term 1
- **3rd — 17th**: Easter holidays
- **20th**: Term 2 commences