Dear Parents, Students and Staff

It is lovely to be invited back to Farnborough for the week. Already I have seen many familiar faces - students, parents and staff - and been warmly greeted. The school is certainly looking fantastic with the recent upgrades and landscaping. My current permanent role involves visiting many primary school and high schools in our region and I can assure you that Farnborough State School is a great school.

Concerns about the safety of students during pickup and drop-off times have been raised by parents. Can I ask all parents and carers to be particularly careful at this time: driving slowly, checking behind when reversing and walking to the school fence before escorting your child back to the car. When parking on the other side of the bus zone, walk over to meet your child then walk around the turnaround section rather than crossing the road. A reminder that school safety zones operate from 7:30am to 9am in the morning and 2:30pm to 4pm in the afternoon.

The recent rain has caused a noticeable influx of mosquitoes. Students can wear insect repellent to reduce any irritation. For health and safety reasons, any insect repellent brought to school should be the roll-on type.

Two changes to be aware of this year at Farnborough. Since we have so many ways of communicating with our school community, the decision has been made to publish newsletters fortnightly. Watch out for the next edition on 4th March. The second change is to the timing of our weekly parade. These are now held at 2.30pm on Thursday afternoon, immediately following RE/Values lessons. All parents are very welcome to attend.

One of our mothers has proposed the idea of a parent/carer Communication Directory. This strategy has been shown to be a positive way in other schools to encourage a sense of community among year level families. Take the time to read and respond to her letter - a copy of which can found further on in the newsletter.

Ensure your child gets the best results from their educational program through consistent attendance. Remember, every day counts.

Lorraine Nielsen (Acting Principal)

Helping Our Children.
Helpful information from the HOC. (Head of Curriculum)

HOME READING AND HOME WORK EXPECTATIONS.

Developing a love of reading in your children can be one of the best gifts you will ever give your children and luckily for us it is free. As parents you are your child's most influential teacher with an important part to play in helping your child to learn to read.

To encourage this love of reading and to develop the skills and strategies required to become lifelong readers at Farnborough State School we expect every child to read every night. Students will be awarded House Spirit points for completion of homework and home reading. These points will contribute to the House Spirit trophy at the end of the year.

Here are some hints to help make reading at home a positive experience. Every child has a Home Reading Diary that needs to be signed by an adult after listening to your child read and returned to school for their teacher to check.

1. Choose a quiet time

Set aside a quiet time with no distractions. Ten to fifteen minutes is usually long enough.
2. Make reading enjoyable
Make reading an enjoyable experience. Sit with your child.

3. Maintain the flow
If your child mispronounces a word do not interrupt immediately. Instead allow opportunity for self-correction. It is better to tell a child some unknown words to maintain the flow rather than insisting on trying to build them all up from the sounds of the letters. If your child does try to 'sound out' words, encourage the use of letter sounds rather than 'alphabet names'.

4. Be positive
If your child says something nearly right to start with that is fine. Don't say 'No. That's wrong,' but 'Let's read it together' and point to the words as you say them. Boost your child's confidence with constant praise for even the smallest achievement.

5. Success is the key
Parents anxious for a child to progress can mistakenly give a child a book that is too difficult. This can have the opposite effect to the one they are wanting. Remember 'Nothing succeeds like success'. Until your child has built up his or her confidence, it is better to keep to easier books. Struggling with a book with many unknown words is pointless. Flow is lost, text cannot be understood and children can easily become reluctant readers.

6. Visit the Library
Encourage your child to use the public library regularly.

7. Regular practice
Try to read with your child on most school days. 'Little and often' is best. If you are away take one or two books in your luggage that you can read to your child over the phone at bedtime. This can be a wonderful experience for all of you.

8. Communicate
Complete their reading diary from school. Try to communicate regularly with positive comments and any concerns. Your child will then know that you are interested in their progress and that you value reading.

9. Talk about the books
There is more to being a good reader than just being able to read the words accurately. Just as important is being able to understand what has been read. Always talk to your child about the book; about the pictures, the characters, how they think the story will end, their favourite part. You will then be able to see how well they have understood and you will help them to develop good comprehension skills.

10. Variety is important
Remember children need to experience a variety of reading materials eg. picture books, hard backs, comics, magazines, poems, and information books.

http://www.topmarks.co.uk/parents/ten-tips-on-hearing-your-child-read

CLASS HOMEWORK EXPECTATIONS AT FARNBOROUGH
ALL STUDENTS FROM ALL YEAR LEVELS ARE EXPECTED TO READ AND HAVE THEIR HOME READING DIARY SIGNED BY AN ADULT.

Prep: Read to your child and talk about their day. Ask them about their favourite part of the day.

Years 1 to Year 3: Homework sheet, sight words and reading. To be returned completed and signed on Fridays.

Years 4 to 5/6: Homework sheet and reading. To be returned completed and signed on Fridays.

Year 6/7: Homework sheet and reading. To be returned completed and signed on Thursdays.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding homework or home reading please see your child’s teacher.

Happy Reading! Ellen Clayton (Acting HOC)
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Students of the Week Awards

Prep M
Bruin C - For setting a great example for his class mates
Zara L - For being a kind and helpful classmate.

Prep O
Lara McC - for her effort during reading groups.

Year 2
Riply D – for careful listening in class.
Katie C – for being a polite and helpful member of our class.

Year 2 and 3
Ruby H – For trying new things and all being positive
Kiera L – For taking more effort and care with her work

Year 4 and 5
Rhys W - for determination towards his reading.
Thomas F - for perseverance in maths.

FITNESS TRAINING – 8:00am – 8:30am
Each Tuesday, Thursday and Friday morning from 8:00am to 8:30am Cross Country Running Training is available to any students (or parents!) who wish to participate. Please remember water bottles and hats as the weather as few all know has been rather extreme!

DATE CLAIMERS
Please check the calendar for any forthcoming trails or sporting date claimers.

HPE & SPORT NEWS
GOLF
Next Monday February 24th we have five (5) students participating in the Interschool Golf Challenge. Good Luck to Louis T, Tahlia T, Jett L, Slater L and Jay S. Play fairly and strive to do your best.

P&C News
A big thank you to all those who attended our first general meeting of the year, last Tuesday evening. We all settled in to our new venue in the Administration Building Staff Room.
It was a long meeting, which is often the case for the first one of the year. Apologies for the length of the meeting to those new parents who made the effort the come along; we do hope to see you again. Our next meeting on March 11th is our AGM, after this meeting we will be brainstorming our fundraising ideas and event calendar for 2014.

Farnborough Fair
This year the Farnborough Fair will be held on Sunday 27th July so please mark this date on your calendars.
Our first Fair Meeting is next Wednesday 26th February at 9am on the kitchen balcony.
If you are new to the school, this is a great opportunity to get involved. The Fair is lots of fun to organise and be involved in.
Our meetings will be light hearted and certainly involve coffee, tea, food and lots of laughs so come along.
We welcome all new ideas that might help make our Fair a big success in 2014.

Have a healthy active week. Keep hydrated! Margie
Farnborough School Annual General Meeting

In accordance with Part 17 of the Association’s constitution, notice is given of the 2014 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 11th March 2014. A copy of the agenda for the AGM and first General Committee Meeting 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@farnboross.eq.edu.au

Shirts for Donation

The school uniform shop is in supply of new short and long sleeve ‘old style’ Farnborough school shirts. We are hoping that someone in our school community might know of a charitable cause that would be interested in having these brand new shirts. If you have any ideas for where we might be able to donate them please see Johanna in the uniform shop next Tuesday morning or contact the P&C at pandc@farnboross.eq.edu.au

Soccer Fun at Farnborough

Next Wednesday afternoon (26th Feb) is our first welcome to boys and girls interested in Soccer team involvement and afterschool training for the coming Soccer season. Ages from 5yrs to 11yrs are welcome to attend on the oval side of the Hall; information will be available for those new to this program or new to the area. Some training examples and a small friendly game will be part of the one hour session from 3.15 to 4.15 if weather permits. This program is run in partnership with Capricorn Coast Football Club and there is no attendance fee, however there is a registration requirement for all players once they decide they want to play this season.

See you there! Doug Memmott (Coach)

Dear Parents and Carers,

This year at FSS we are introducing a parent/carer “Communication Directory” and a ‘Class Parent/Carer Representative’ for each class. The “Communication Directory” - with your permission - will include a class list of the names of parents and carers, child’s name and phone number and email address. A letter will come out shortly for you to voluntarily complete. A parent/carer class representative will also be identifiable for each class with their details all in bold.

This idea is purely a communication highway to encourage social interaction amongst our FSS community, to arrange play dates, birthday parties, keep informed or even build friendships and get those Christmas cards written. It is a lifesaver at times and a very handy tool which has worked well at other schools.

The role of a Parent/Carer Representative is essentially the class ‘Go To’ - someone who is willing to liaise between teacher and parents; send an email reminder such as ‘swim bags for swimming tomorrow’, or arrange a class after school play or a parents coffee/lunch/dinner. They are also someone to welcome new families to the class. The position can be shared with another parent/carer in the class. It is a lot of fun and you don’t have to be at the school on a regular basis or even know the other parents, just be willing to come and help make a stronger school community.

For more information please call Claire Thompson on 0424 788353.
Capricornia Silver Band are holding a Brass & Percussion Workshop on 1st March at their band hall in Diggers Lane, North Rockhampton. Cost is $10 per student. For more information, please ask your Instrumental Music teacher or visit the band website at http://capsilver.org.au

**CLUB RUGBY LEAGUE - 2014 Yeppoon Junior Seagulls Sign On**


Any players (new and existing) who want to play club Rugby League in 2014 are invited to attend the Yeppoon Junior Rugby League sign on.

**WHEN:** Sunday 23rd February 2014  **WHERE:** Webb Oval, Tanby Road, Yeppoon  **TIME:** 10am – 12pm

- Please be advised that all new players are required to provide a copy of their birth certificate.
- Registration Fees are $150 (discounts apply for multiple players)

Contact Steph on 0447 395 175 or email yeppoonjrl@hotmail.com

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Frenchville Scorpions Softball Club supporting ROSA *Come and Try Day* - Saturday 22nd February 2014 9.00am - 1.00pm

**JUNIOR RECRUITMENT BULLETIN =** For children under 12 sign up to play T-ball or Under 15 with Frenchville – the Frenchville Sports Club will pay 95% of their registration – that’s right – you pay only $6 plus minimal uniform costs for a year’s worth of fun!! You can't get a better deal than that!!  We are looking for players to fill positions in t-ball, under 15 mixed, under 17 mixed, B ladies, A reserve ladies, A ladies, Men's and masters competitions. Come along and give it a try—what have you got to lose. We are a family friendly club with quality accredited coaches.  Supported by the Frenchville Sports Club with other discounted junior registration fees available. For more information please call Selena Lennon 0458 169 003, Kylie Crouch 0437 060 212 or email frenchville.softball@gmail.com or come and see us at the CQ Sports Expo at the Rockhampton Showgrounds – Sunday 23rd February.

**For Sale:** Saxophone, Yamaha alto, in excellent condition. $800. Ph. 49 391264 or 0400 229134.