Dear Parents, Students & Staff

Well done to all the senior students who ran for sport leader positions. There was a strong field, lots of campaigning and some wonderful speeches. Congratulations to those who were elected to these leadership positions by their peers.

This Wednesday is Ride to School Day and some Farnborough students will be riding to school but on horses not bikes! If you are driving to school on Wednesday, please keep a careful watch out for horses and riders who are due to arrive at school at around 8.30am after an early start and a two hour ride.

We were recently informed that Farnborough State School has been successful in receiving a Sun Safe Grant, which will enable us to purchase some portable shade covers for school events. Thank you to the Lovegrove and Kersey families for your work on this application.

This Friday is Harmony Day, which is a day to celebrate Australia’s diversity. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. Harmony week activities will be held in the library at first break for any students who wish to take part.

Each year, we offer parents two formal meetings with teachers to discuss your child’s progress. This year, a number of teachers have elected to offer the first interview for the year at the end of this term or the beginning of next term. This will enable these teachers to discuss with you how your child is progressing and any areas of learning need. Years 1, 2, 3 and Year 5/6 will be sending out letters over the next few weeks while Prep, 4, 4/5 and 6/7 will hold their interviews at the end of semester. Of course there is always the opportunity for either teachers or parents to request a meeting at any time of the year.

Please remind your children that under our uniform policy the only jewellery to be worn at school is a small pair of studs or sleepers and a watch. Please ensure all necklaces and bracelets are left at home as they will be held at the office to be picked up in the afternoon if worn by students at school.

Carol Butler-Mader (Principal)
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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK AWARDS
Prep B
Sarah E for being a caring friend.

Prep M
Jess W for fantastic work in reading.
Tahden R for fantastic work in reading.
Jack J for great listening during learning.
Isaac H for making a great effort to finish his work.

Year 1O
Katara N For using a big voice when talking to the class.
Kye B For his effort making a picture graph.
Evan H For always asking interesting questions.
Lara C For her terrific effort in reading groups.

Year 1LM
Lilliana T for her hard work.
Wyatt H for reading carefully.
Luke C for speaking clearly to an audience.
Lance C for working very hard with our warm-ups.

Year 2
Callum H for asking interesting questions and making thoughtful observations during class discussions.
Ruby M for having a fantastic attitude towards learning.
Leah R for working hard on home reading.
Ethan P for working hard in class this week.

Year 2 and 3
Alyssa Mc for demonstrating the drive to achieve in class.
Shae-Leigh J for always smiling and trying her best at all tasks.
Jasmaine Mc for great sizzling starts in writing.

Year 4
Ashlynn-Rose McB for displaying enthusiasm towards her class learning.
Alanah P for always being very well organised for any learning task.
William B for receiving a virtues award for HELPFULNESS
Tom M for helpfulness, for always helping his peers both in and out of the classroom.
Kensie O’B for being respectful, Kensie always displays a respectful attitude towards herself and others.
Kiera M for always attempting new and challenging work.
Jacob L for showing enthusiasm towards his classroom activities.

DATE CLAIMER

MARCH

21st Harmony Day
22nd 12 yrs & U Girls Touch Trials
24th 12 yrs & U School Hockey Trials (B’s & G’s)
28th Development Cup R League—all Coast School U/10 U/13
31st 12 Yrs & U School Hockey Trials (B’s & G’s)

APRIL

3rd Cross Country Morning
4th Last Day of Term 1
7th - 21st Easter Holidays
23rd St Ursula’s Discovery Day
GREEN CLUB NEWS
WELL DONE Green clubbers!!!!
Great Green club attendance means that we are getting things done. All the beds are ready for planting, and there are loads of seedlings to transplant this week. Garden Trustees ATTENTION - there are beds ready and available for you to take over.
Wonderful time of the year to get things started. So come along to Green club this week for a Planting and Painting hour. All welcome – just bring an adult to help you. Easter Holidays are almost here and we will need willing workers to let out and put away the chooks each day. Not a hard or time consuming job…. But it is linked with WATERING the veges too!!- FUN
I will be here for the Easter weekend, but dates from April 5th to April 17th are up for grabs. What a wonderful time of the year to be outside. Pam

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
From next week The Uniform Shop’s opening hours will be moved to Tuesday afternoons from 2:45pm—3:30pm due to work commitments. I apologise for any inconvenience this might cause some parents and caregivers.
Please remember the uniform shop is run by P & C Volunteers. Johanna

BOOKS, BOOKS and MORE BOOKS!!!
We have received a new supply of classroom readers which we need covered. If you can help, please call into the library and collect a pile to take home or you can stay with a group of friends, have a cuppa and cover the books here. Thanks
REMINDER TO PARENTS FOR SAFE BUS TRAVEL
Parents/Carers should discuss the Code of Conduct for safe bus travel with their child so they fully understand what they should and should not do.

Students are reminded they should:

- follow the bus driver’s directions.
- speak quietly - no yelling or shouting.
- show the driver their bus pass every time they travel.
- remain properly seated for the whole journey - don’t move around or put their feet on the seats.


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SCHOOL HOLIDAY - SWIMMING LESSONS
There will be an intensive block of learn to swim classes running in the first week of the school holidays from 7th to 10th April from our new indoor, heated learn to swim centre in Industrial Avenue, Yeppoon. These 4 lesson blocks are a great way to boost your child’s aquatic education. For enquiries or to book in please phone Connolly’s Little Fish Swim Academy on 4930 2205 or email con.aquatics@bigpond.com.

NO SOCCER TRAINING THIS WEDNESDAY AT SCHOOL
Cap Coast Football Club soccer come and try & registrations day 22nd March
8.00 –9.30 Juniors aged 5,6 & 7
8.30 – 10.00 Ages 8,9 &10.11
Some soccer boots for Sale – See you there

FOR SALE
Computer Flat Screen Monitors — $5.00 each
Please come to the office.

MARKET DAY
Keppel Anglican Parish
Saturday April 5th from 7 am – 11 am.
Plants & Produce * Cakes * Tea & Coffee *
Trash & Treasure * Crafts * Raffle.
Come and grab a bargain.
Keppel Anglican Church
18 Housden Place, Taranganba

Urgently wanted: U12 football (soccer) players!
Bluebirds United Football Club is seeking up to 5 players - girls or boys - to complete teams in the U12 age group for the upcoming season commencing 22 March. Children turning 12 this year are eligible. For more details please contact our President Simon Ross on 0419793581 or via email on admin@bluebirdsufc.com.au.

ROAD SAFETY WEEK 17–23 MARCH 2014
Capricornia Police in conjunction with the Department of Transport and Emergency Services are hosting a Road Safety Week commencing March 17 and concluding with an Expo at the Rockhampton Heritage Village on March 23.

Road Safety Week has been developed to reinforce safety messages to all road users. As you are aware, children’s perceptions of the need to obey road rules and avoid high risk behaviours are greatly influenced by the examples given by adult drivers, particularly their parents.

By emphasising the main causes of fatal traffic accidents and educating children on these topics, it is anticipated a reduction in fatal incidents will occur when these children are old enough to drive on the road.

During the past five years the Central Region has averaged around 100 deaths a year as a consequence of traffic crashes. Most of those deaths could have been prevented!
**HOUSE SPORT LEADERSHIP ELECTIONS**
The house elections took place last Friday. It was fantastic to see a large group of boys and girls speak in front of their peers. There were some very close final results across all the house teams. Well done to ALL NOMINEES but a special mention to our elected groups for 2014.

**REDBACKS** – Josh M, Riley W, Jack W, Tahlia M, Aspen H, Chloe P.
**BLUEBOTTLES** – Clay C, Andrew B, Darian R, Kate N, Summarrah H, Cassidy H-L.
**GREENCROCS** – Jack L, Colby L, Macauley S, Emily L, Tahlia M, Haylee R.

Badges will be presented to these students a little later this year (once the hall is completed). Duties however commence this term with the **Interhouse Cross Country** scheduled for **THURSDAY APRIL 3** so our sport leaders will hopefully start leading the way with involvement and enthusiasm leading up to this event!

**LET'S GET ACTIVE – MORE-active – ESPECIALLY THIS WEEK!**
National Ride To School – (or at least around your local area) commences this week and we are trying to “record” how many kilometres (approx.) each student (and their family) does. The exercise can be – bike riding, skateboarding, scooter riding, rollerblading, walking, horse riding or … even pram pushing! As a small but proactive school I have no doubts we will build on this National Event each year however this year the aim is to create an awareness of this event to our students (and their families). One of our students – Jordan Mc (an avid bike enthusiast!) commenced his practice training runs last week – just a 28km round trip each day! Whilst this is fantastic, Jordan has been well drilled into SAFE BIKE RIDING and unfortunately I cannot encourage other students to ride the same path due to some very unsafe areas along the way. However there are some cycle/walk ways which we can all travel upon-unless you are on the 4 hoofed species then you would steer clear of such hard terrain and instead cut through paddocks and properties to arrive here. This is what Ms McKee and members of the equestrian team will be doing on Wednesday! It will be great to have some photos of students or families doing that extra bit this week. Please email or print out any shots and send them in!

**RUGBY LEAGUE DEVELOPMENT CUP**
All boys involved in this carnival have been given a note regarding this carnival. Please ensure the tear off section is completed and returned to the office ASAP. Thanks

*Have a busy happy healthy active week. Margie*
Farnborough State School P&C News!

Last Tuesday night we held our Annual General Meeting which was attended by an impressive 20 people.

Our new executive committee for 2014 is:
- President – Michelle McCann
- Vice President – Sue Memmott
- Secretary – no accepted nominations/position still to be filled
- Treasurer – Olivia Harding
- State P&C Rep – Petrus Barry
- Publicity Officer – Amanda McLardy
- Uniform Coordinator – Johanna Kitchener
- Book Club Coordinator – Del Heidrich
- Fundraising Coordinator – Stacey Watson & Suzanne Sheppard

As you can see the position of secretary remains vacant.

The duties of the secretary include drawing up, in consultation with the President, the meeting agendas, keeping full and correct minutes of the P&C’s proceedings, acting upon decisions as directed by the meeting, attending to the correspondence of the association, looking after the association documents and common seal.

Please consider taking on this role at our school. You will be fully supported by many other committee members. If you are interested please see Carol Butler or phone Michelle McCann on 0438 283 342.

As Farnborough State School’s new P&C President, I am honoured and excited to take on this role. I hope to bring a fresh approach to our meetings and encourage everyone to attend and please put forward your ideas on how we can contribute to making our school a great place to be for our children and all our dedicated teaching staff. Olivia Harding is continuing as Treasurer which is wonderful news. This will be Olivia’s 4th year in this position and I know that our committee are extremely grateful for her specialised skills in this area.

On behalf of the school community I would like to thank our outgoing President Rhodes Watson for his tireless contribution during his three years in the position. Rhodes has brought many things to Farnborough School including an enthusiasm for creating fun events that are successful and have raised much needed funds. He has build our P&C in to a truly productive committee. We hope to see him running movie nights after the hall refurbishment has finished and I know that he will continue to bring his innovative ideas to P&C meetings in the future. Another thank you must go out to Sonia Steyn who performed the position of Secretary for an amazing 4 years. Sonia’s son is now at high school and her skills will be missed immensely, she also organised and ran disco’s and made a major contribution to the organisation of the Farnborough School Country Fair.

We have many exciting events planned for this coming year, some of these include Potato Planting and Pizza night in the kitchen garden, a monster Easter Raffle, Disco’s, Pie Drive and of course the Farnborough State School Country Fair.

Please feel free to approach me at any time if you have any concerns or ideas to discuss. I can usually be found loitering outside the Year One block in the mornings and afternoons, or you can call me on 0438 283 342 or email pandc@farnboross.eq.edu.au

Looking forward to a great year ahead.

Michelle McCann
Monster Easter Raffle – Drawn 2nd April at Cross Country

Please bring a non perishable food item asap (preferably Australian Made) to the office for our Easter Raffle!
Funds are being raised for our sponsored child in Cambodia.
Cathy King will be selling tickets this week and next week.

$2 each or 3 for $5

What a great prize just in time for Easter!

Farnborough School Country Fair

The first committee meeting for the Farnborough School Country Fair was a huge success with many people attending and taking on specific tasks from booking entertainment to doing up volunteer rosters for our stalls.
We are still looking for more help! So far we have two parents willing to canvas our local businesses for sponsorship, prizes and donations, but a few more would make it so much easier.
This task is not as scary as it may sound. The Farnborough Country Fair is a well respected and supported event in our local community and our local businesses have been more than willing in the past years to generously give us this to make it a huge success. You will only be required to spend a few hours with a small list of places in a set area.
We are also looking for another parent to take on the role of Food Stalls Coordinator. We would be asking you please ensure that all the food stalls have volunteers to operate them through the day of the Fair by preparing volunteer rosters. Another task will be collate a list of items needed for each food stall. We do have lists from previous years to use as a guide. The stalls are the BBQ, Curry House, Coffee House, Hot Dog stand and the Fun Trailer.

Please contact Michelle McCann if you are able to help 0438 283 342

Our next fair meeting in on Friday March 28th 10am at ‘Flour Coffee & Cake’ on Normandy Street.