From the Principal’s Desk

Farnborough Country Fair
Here we are in the week of the Farnborough Country Fair! All hands on deck! The P&C Fair team has been working tirelessly for months now. As always, it promises to be a great event! **If you are able please put your name down for your child’s stall – rosters are at the classrooms.** In the lead up there is the colouring competition to complete (win a free rides ticket), volunteer rosters to fill for the extra stalls (check out the uniform shop notice board), the Sunday set up to complete, stall items to cook, prepare, organise…! Good luck everyone. I’ll see you there!

Farnborough team to compete in the Annual Junior Robotics Competition.
This Friday Farnborough students, from Years 4-7, will compete at the CQ University. Accompanying them will be the talented Miss McKee, our robotics teacher and mentor, and many of the student’s parents. Congratulations to the team on its work to date and best wishes for the event. See further details in article inside this newsletter.

KCD Athletics
The KCD trials have been rescheduled for next Wednesday 27th July. All the best to our competitors in their respective events. 10 Years: Lara, Tahlia, Mischa, Kelsey, Jasym, Jodie, Jessica, Madeline, Levi, Riley, Harry, Ethan, Mason Jett and Lachlan. 11 Years: Selena, Caitlin, Piper, Mia, Ella, Astrah, Samantha, Ainsley, Shyanne, Kensie, Bronwyn, Fysher, Slater, Parker, Archie, Tyson, Dylan and Nicholas. 12 Years: Alanah, Violette, Kiera, Lexy, Charlotte, Jesse, Donta, Clayton and Stanley.

The Caves Year Four Camp
Despite the cold and wet conditions the Year Four camp at the Caves was a huge success. Mrs Gail Goltz put together a wonderful experience for students that saw them searching through rubble for the skeletons of tiny, cave dwelling creatures; slipping through tiny spaces, and climbing natural rock walls; gaining insight into our Indigenous culture and getting up close and personal with a reptilian friend or two.

Farnborough Netballers win the Bowl Award at Regional Titles
Last Thursday and Friday, the Farnborough Netball team competed in the Regional Netball titles at the CQU. Farnborough was strongly represented by Astrah, Lexi, Kensey, Amelia, Anna, Kiera, Ella, Sam, Charlotte and Ainsley. Our players commented that the tournament was filled with good spirit and tough competition. We look forward to the team displaying their trophy and medals at this week’s Parade.

School Opinion Survey Reminder
Please take the opportunity to complete the school opinion survey before July 29th. Direct any enquires to the office.
**Children's Development**

**Bookclub this term** - this term there will be two issues of Bookclub. Catalogues for the first one will go home this week. There are some fabulous books and kits on offer to cater for a range of interests. Something for everyone.

Orders must be returned to school by 9am **Wednesday July 27**.

Don’t forget you can easily use the efficient LOOP ordering system or alternatively send your order to school.

Happy Reading!

**Linda Orgill**

**Morning Reading Groups**

We started this morning, how exciting. There were children from Years 2, 3, 5 and 6 working in the library to enhance their independent reading skills. If your child received an invitation to join this program but has not yet returned their form please get them to do so as soon as possible and come along to the sessions from tomorrow.

Morning Reading Groups take place each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between 8 and 9am. Punctual and regular readers who attend 80% of the sessions are rewarded with a fabulous Pancake Breakfast at the end of the term.

_Thank you_
CQ University Junior Robotics Competition
The concept of robots playing soccer, called Robo Cup was the brainchild of world renowned robotic engineer, Dr Hiroaki Kitano. He proposed “By the year 2050, humanoid robots will compete against the World Cup winning team and beat them.” Dr Kitano created an international intellectual cooperative where leading universities meet annually at different venues around the world using soccer playing robots to compete.

As a result, a subdivision of the competition, the Robo Cup Junior Competition, was specifically created for primary and secondary school students. The first Australian National Robo Cup Junior Competition was held in 2000. Robo Cup Junior competitions are now being conducted around the world.

This Friday 27 Farnborough students, from Years 4-7, will compete at the CQ University 14th Annual Junior Robotics Competition. Accompanying them will be the talented Miss Mcgee, our robotics teacher and mentor, and many of the student’s parents. Miss Mcgee and Mrs Forrest work hard with our students all year guiding them through the programming and construction skills necessary to build robots able to compete. At the junior level we have teams competing in both the dance and rescue competitions.

The Dance competition is designed to entertain, delight and thrill the audience. This creative challenge requires teams to design robot/s which dance to music and may also involve costumes and props. The dance must be between 1 to 3 minutes in length. Each team consists of at least one robot and up to 7 humans. The challenge is intended to be as open ended as participants choose to make it. Our four dance teams and their robots will be dancing to tunes as diverse as Eye Of The Tiger, Thriller, Mickey and If You’re Happy And You Know It Clap Your Hands.

We have seven teams competing in the Rescue competition. In this ‘simulated emergency rescue’, a terrible earthquake has hit a city causing a large chemical storage unit to rupture, spilling thousands of litres of toxic chemicals. There is a person trapped on a sinking water tank in the middle of the chemical spill. Rescue crews are having trouble entering the city with the amount of rubble around and rescue from the air has also been ruled out due to the noxious gases rising around the city. It has been decided that the best form of rescue is the deployment of an autonomous robot that can navigate to the scene and rescue the stranded person by pushing or dragging the water tank out of the chemical spill.

We wish all the teams and their teachers and supporters all the very best for the competition this Friday.

REGIONAL SHIELD NETBALL
Last week on Thursday and Friday, Amelia, Astrah, Charlotte, Kensie, Anna, Keira, Ainsley, Ella, Samantha and Lexy went to Regional Shield representing FSS for Netball. It was cold both days, but that was ok. The girls came 13th out of 30 teams and won the Bowl Trophy. The girls all had fun and are all proud of themselves. Margie would like to thank the parents and girls that attended on both days.

By Kensie O’B and Charlotte R.
COOKING NEWS

Cooking classes this week are:
Yr 4 m/ 5 on Thursday and Yr 3 (Mrs Harris) on Friday.
Parent help is required 12noon—1:30pm.
It is great fun!
Love to see you there. Amanda

Junior Math Problem

Put your answer in the box in the library

Place the numbers 1 to 5 in the boxes below so that the SUM (addition) of the numbers in each line is 8.

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High School Musical – St Brendan’s and St Ursula’s College
Last Thursday, lucky Year 5 students with Mrs King and Miss Jacienta went to the Chapel Theatre to see ‘High School Musical’, the combined St Brendan’s and St Ursula’s College Annual Musical. The whole production was entertaining with all eyes glued on stage and showcased musical, dancing and acting talent with songs the students knew and sang along with. Something to look forward to in the coming high school years. The show ran longer than expected and St Brendan’s were kind enough to offer a small snack. Farnborough students also got to meet the ‘stars’ at half time and see some past students and say hello. All students did exceptionally well and we all can’t wait until we go again next year. Big thanks to St Brendan’s and St Ursula’s for offering this to our students and providing buses and entertainment for FREE.

Farnborough Fair
Don’t forget to check the stage schedule to see when your child/ren is performing. Please arrive in full costume at least 10 minutes before your performance in full costume ready to go on stage. Year 3’s and 4’s, your circus costumes will be in the music room with your equipment. See you at the Fair.
Regards
Miss Jacienta
The KCD interschool athletics carnival planned for tomorrow—has now been postponed until Wednesday 27th July.

FSS hosts the KCD interschool athletics carnival, which 7 local primary schools attend. We run a canteen for the 250 students (plus parents & staff) who attend. I would love all offers of: baking; setting up the day before; preparing sandwiches early that morning; serving on the day. Any help would be greatly appreciated, even if you could give 1 hour. The canteen will run from 8am to 2:30pm. Please contact me if you are able to assist in any way.

Thank you to all those staff, students and families who have been working behind the scenes to bring the 2016 Country Fair to fruition. Don’t forget to tell your neighbours, friends and family about it. We are really looking forward to a wonderful weekend. There’ll be some weary minds and bodies by Monday morning!

Kathy King 0400 681 442

SET-UP for the Fair will begin from 9.00am this Saturday 23rd, although some stall coordinators will start getting everything ready Friday afternoon. On Saturday we would appreciate as many helpers as possible, to put up marquees, set up tables, put up banners, bang in signs etc. Please come for even an hour if you are able to. All help would be greatly appreciated.

Volunteer Roster – WE NEED YOUR HELP!
Thank you very much to those who have signed up – you are awesome! However, there are still many spaces needing a name to fill it. The roster can be found on the notice board near the Uniform Shop. Assistance is required on all these stalls as they are run by parent volunteers, who would also like to enjoy the Fair for an hour with their families. These people would love to have your help on the day. Please also contact your class teacher to volunteer to help on your class stall.

Raffle Tickets – Please return all raffle tickets, sold or unsold to the office BY WEDNESDAY.

All Day Unlimited Ride Passes – are still available this week. Brooke and Justine will be selling them before and after school this week, outside tuckshop or C Block. The cost of a ticket is $28 per child. Bills Amusements will sell all-day passes for $32 on the day of the Fair, or individual tickets cost from $5 to $7, depending on the ride.

The rides at the Fair will be: the Rock Climbing Wall, the Sizzler, the King Flyer, the Hurricane, the Merry Go Round, the Giant Super Slide, the Lost World bouncy castle and the Captain Cook Endeavour bouncy castle. You can also leave your money in the office in a clearly marked envelope.

Donations
All donations for the Garage Sale or the Book Stall can be left in the sectioned off area at the back of the hall. Please phone Kris Smith on 0428 570 312 or Justine Hodges on 0419 654 247 if you need to.

The Coffee House and Cake Stall are looking for some more donations of lovely home-baked cakes/biscuits/slice, please ensure all ingredients are clearly labelled. Many people will be enjoying a slice of a yummy treat with their tea or coffee on Fair day. Please bring into the Science Lab on Saturday or on the morning of the Fair or phone Gina if you have any queries – 0422 225 408.

Plant Stall – Please bring your plants in to the garden from Friday afternoon and leave by the passionfruit fence line…near the basketball courts. There are quite a number of families who have been potting up madly over the past months already. Please see Margie if you have any queries.

Craft Stall - If you’ve some items to donate please leave at the office for Michelle or phone her on 0400 825 604.

Do you have any fresh produce spare that the SAKGarden Stall could sell on the day? Mandarines? Lemons? Veges? Herbs? Have you got an excess of chutney or jam bottled up that we could sell? All donations are much appreciated by the Year 4/5 Class.

Rachel Walls (0450 766 127)
The Caves Year 4 Camp