Dear Parents, Students & Staff

Our sports captains and vice captains were presented with their badges at parade on Thursday by visiting ex FSS students and current high school sports’ leaders - Amber, Renae and Kailee.

The presentation was just in time for our Cross Country on the Friday. Thankfully the rain held off and we were joined by an amazing number of supporters and extra participants. It was lovely to see older students caring for and supporting younger siblings on the day. Well done to all runners, who earned points for their house team, and congratulations to the winners of each age division. Thank you to Margie for such great organisation of the event.

A big thank you also to the parents who ran the tuckshop and cake stall on the day (there seemed to be a sea of green in there – well done green croc parents)! The food was superb and helped to make the day a special one.

Thank you to the parents who donated to the Easter raffle, the proceeds of which will be used to support our Farnborough State School sponsor child, Soukea from Cambodia. Our school has sponsored a child through World Vision for over 17 years, helping a number of children who are less fortunate than ours.

A huge thank you also to the prep classes and their parents, who have beautified two of our gardens – the tuckshop herb garden and the one along the tennis court. Both look fantastic.

Happy Harmony Day for yesterday. At our parade last week, Mrs Nielsen talked about the diversity that exists in our society and the need for tolerance and compassion.

Tomorrow is another special day - ‘Crazy Hair Day’ to support Cancer Research – see more information from Kensie later in the newsletter. Please note school uniform to be worn.

Congratulations to Riley W who has been selected in the Greater Rockhampton District AFL team.

As we come to the end of the term and my final newsletter for this year, I would like to say that while I am looking forward to new challenges, I will certainly miss the wonderful Farnborough Community. My replacement for this time is yet to be announced – look for information later in the week. Have a safe and happy holiday.

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

**Prep P**
- Keira H for a super effort with art work
- Edie G for a fantastic effort helping her classmates and teachers

**Prep Y**
- Meeka T for trying super hard with her letters and sounds
- Elise M for always trying super hard with her learning

**Year 1 Purple**
- Zac B for being a responsible classroom member
- Summer J for always trying her very best at all tasks

**Year 1 Yellow**
- Kailin S for working well all term on her homework tasks
- Deacon M for showing a great interest in the world around him and sharing his knowledge

**Year 2 Purple & Yellow**
- Zara L for commitment and drive towards her cross country training
- Bridget M for great determination and focus on her class country training

**Year 3 Purple**
- Lilly T for always presenting your work to the best of your abilities
- Sienna L for your enthusiasm towards subtraction. Great work, Sienna.

**Year 3 Yellow**
- Katara N for having her homework in early
- Tessa C for being an active participant in classroom discussions

**Year 4**
- Paige W for using great descriptive language in writing
- Leah R for working diligently in maths

**Year 4/5**
- Ruby H for taking extra care with her setting out in maths
- Romi S for imaginative and entertaining story writing

**Year 5**
- Mischa O for always respecting others and being a positive role model within the classroom
- Zacj C for interesting and exciting writing

**Year 6**
- Laryssa L for promptness in organisation and readiness for learning tasks
- Jacob L for working consistently and maintaining focus during your learning

Pancake Breakfast For Morning Reading Groups

This term 33 of our students participated in our Morning Reading Program with our teacher aides. This program is designed to extend the reading strategies, comprehension skills, fluency and vocabulary of the participants. Through regular reading, writing and discussion the children are challenged and encouraged to make gains in their literacy skills.

An incentive for our program is the much anticipated Pancake Breakfast which will be held on Thursday morning on the Kitchen verandah at 8am. Children who have attended 80% of the sessions will have received their invitations to come and join the teacher aides for a scrumptious breakfast of delicious hot pancakes. Well done!

A huge thank you also to the parents who made the commitment to get their children to the program each week; we appreciate your support.
PERFORMING ARTS NEWS
CALL OUT TO ANY PERFORMERS YOUNG OR OLD TO PERFORM AT FARNBOROUGH FAIR.
If you are part of any Sporting Groups, Dance Schools, Gymnastics Clubs, Line Dancers, Martial Arts groups etc and want to promote your sport, business, hobby at the Farnborough Fair please see Miss Jaceinta.

I am aiming for all classes except Prep (at this stage) to be performing an act on stage. This will be rehearsed in class time and be showcasing assessment items for Term 1 and 2. The timetable for the stage show with class times will be released soon.

REMARKER:
Currently in Performing Arts we are studying Music. Term 2 Drama, Term 3 Dance and Term 4 Media. USB's were on the booklist primarily for Media Studies, however to utilize these better I have decided to put study materials on the USB's and also will record assessment work and classwork as a means of sharing what happens at school at home. Currently students should be taking home and practising the song they will be singing for their music assessment.

You will only need 1 USB for Performing Arts for the whole of Primary School, so new ones WILL NOT NEED TO BE PURCHASED year in year out. New students will be asked to have one.

Thanks Miss Jaceinta

CRAZY HAIR DAY - Wednesday 23rd March
Hello, my name is Kensie O and I am the student who is shaving off my hair for Children’s Cancer. The reason I’m doing this is because recently I had a family member in hospital and I saw all the sick kids in there. I thought to myself, how could I help all these kids with this horrible disease. It was at that moment I decided to shave my hair for Children’s Cancer.

On the day, there will be ribbons and wrist bands for sale for $1 each.
To participate in this special and important fund raising event, it is a GOLD COIN DONATION.
There will also be a prize for the person in each year level with the craziest hair.

MARKET DAY - Keppel Anglican Parish
Saturday April 9th from 7 am - 11 am.
Plants & Produce * Cakes * Tea & Coffee
* Trash & Treasure * Crafts * Raffle.
Come and grab a bargain.
St James Anglican Church
18 Housden Place
Taranganba
What a huge few days I have had! The cross country Farnborough Fun Dog meal deal was a huge success; thank you to everyone that ordered and a big HUGE thank you to everyone that helped me out last week!

After cross country, I got in the car to drive to Brisbane to attend and work at the Queensland Tuckshop Convention that was held on Saturday. It was an awesome day meeting other convenors, suppliers, and getting some great new ideas. I had the opportunity to talk with Alastair McLeod from Ready Steady Cook, he was extremely impressed with what is happening at our great little school and hopes many other schools follow suit. At the end of the day I was invited to sit on the Q & A panel and answer questions from other convenors. It was a nerve racking experience being on stage in front of a couple of hundred people, however the words flowed easily when I got to talk about our fantastic school. I am so proud of what we have all accomplished together.

I am in the process of putting the finishing touches on the Term 2 Winter Menu; check your child’s bag on Thursday for a copy. Tuckshop will be open first Wednesday back at school. There are a couple of yummy and exciting new things to look forward to.

A big thank you to all those that donated their time, donated items or offered beautiful words of encouragement over the term; it all means so much to me and I couldn’t do it without you. Most of all, thank you to the kids for being so awesome!

Happy Easter everyone, have a fantastic and safe break ☺

BREAKING NEWS***
Tomorrow sushi, burgers, mexican meal, ham and egg pies & burger in a blanket will NOT be available.

We are having Toasties instead!
Ham, Cheese, Tomato $4
Ham & Cheese $3.50
Cheese $3.00
All snack items & milk will be available. Thank you

In support of Kensie shaving her head to raise funds for childhood cancer, I will also be shaving mine, just in time for crazy hair day! Can’t wait to see everyone’s wonderful creations to raise money for such a worthwhile cause!

Regards, Amanda
"our diversity is our strength"

FSS promotes diversity

Harmony Day 2016

Inclusiveness, Belonging and Respect – these Harmony Day values were promoted at Farnborough State School through classroom activities, discussions, a parade item, decorations, poems and the purchase of a reconciliation mat.
CROSS COUNTRY FUN RUN
Thank you and congratulations to all attending students and their family supporters in making the morning a success. Thank you to all of the helpers in the canteen – before the event, during and after with the clean-up. Thank you to Mrs Elaine Bayles from Indigenous Business Australia Homes who donated 21 prize packs which were presented to some students. Being a humid day, the icy pole at the end of the race was a great incentive and certainly appreciated. Thank you to the P&C for the donation of these along with supplying the stickers and medallions.

BLUEBOTTLES were the overall trophy winners for the day with REDBACKS very close behind and GREENCROCS sitting in third place. A full layout of medallion recipients as well as the points tally are included in this newsletter as well as placed on the school sports noticeboard.

With the event also being a P&C Fundraiser I’m encouraging the return of sponsorship forms ASAP so that the prize packs can be put together.

From the serious Cross Country events – the hard slogged 2km and 3km races, our 10yrs to 12 yrs students now have the option to continue training and travel to Rockhampton representing our school at the next level. We have continued with the KCD trophies at this event, so it is also our Keppel Coast District Interschool challenge. Students invited to attend will receive a note which must be completed and returned by this Thursday – March 24th.

CONGRATULATIONS to
Riley W (Yr 5-10 yr old) who last week was selected into the Rockhampton district 10-12 yrs schoolboys AFL team. Good Luck Riley and enjoy the experience.
Astrah B and Ella B (both Yr 6) who were in the final cut of the R’ton District schoolgirl’s netball squads -11yrs and 12 yrs respectively. Although the girls were not selected into the team they certainly would have benefitted from the two afternoons of selection trials.

TOOTH HEALTH INFORMATION SESSIONS
Today all students across all year levels were given an oral health talk by Mrs Suzan Kennedy from Icon Dental. This informative session will hopefully be relayed to all parents and retained by students to continue to care for their teeth. Thank you to Suzan & Icon Dental.

GARDEN GNOME GOSSIP
Another thank you goes out to our parents who have assisted their children with further garden planting this week. Both Prep classes are on the ball to ensure their areas close to their rooms are greening and looking the goods. Although we are in the early stages still, it is so pleasing to see parental involvement in the upkeep of our school gardens. We (the staff and the kids!) can certainly see the difference in many areas. We value your support and encourage you to get your hands “dirty” when you can and where you see the need! Please remember we welcome you into the SAKGS garden too…. There is always SO MUCH to do there and nothing is better than to nibble on some fresh produce as you go! My mobile number –Margie -0438141618 – text or call if you want to check out what to do!

As the fair date is really only a term away, I encourage any gardeners to start ‘potting up’ these holidays. Anyone needing pots or potting mix – please see me. Alternatively there are group of ladies potting up on Wednesday –first week of the holidays (March 30th — 7am onwards) – either join us or bring in your cuttings on or before then. (Leave near/in shade house).

Our final green club for the term was last Thursday with the students (and parents) brightening up the plant signage. Once this has been finished these will be placed around the garden. Next term I am going to introduce a morning GREENCLUB time, as this will include some of our interested early morning arrivals as well as those who have afternoon commitments on Thursday. Watch this space for dates!

PROGRESS of CLASS PROJECTS & UPCOMING PROJECTS
YR 6 – Orchard Research -1 tree per child (total 30). 30 of our trees will eventually have a small information sheet beside them with the student’s report of the tree. This will be great reading for all of us! Also each tree will have a “compost/fertilizer sausage” placed around the outer root system along with a piece of PVC pipe which will be used with their watering. This research project will continue each year until we have all of our trees fully identified and labelled.

YR 5 (& YR 4) – Have a special visitor this week – The “WORM LADIES” are coming to our school this Thursday (March24th) middle session to pass onto our students some tips on how to set up and care for our soil enrichers –the earthworm. Parents are most welcome to come along -12.15 in the garden behind the shadehouses.

YR 4 – These students are maintaining the pond area. They are in the process of clearing, weeding, mulching and replanting around the outside of the pond area. They also have prepared three beds ready for some potato planting. These potatoes will then be used in the latter part of their cooking unit as they learn about the early settlers in History.
YR 1 – YR 3 – Seeds have been planted and now we are just awaiting the emergence of the seedlings – ongoing!

PREP – Have commenced the beautification of their surrounding areas – space fillers welcome and maintenance assistance never refused!

Next term I know as part of technology the Yr 3P Ms Elodie’s class will be making scarecrows for the garden. That’s a head start for the Fair Scarecrow competition!

The “chook girls” will be putting in some plants in and around the trees outside of the chookpen area.

ON LEAVE – I will be away the first two weeks of next term – hopefully return with some better working joints. I will be replaced by Mrs Kathy King for both roles – HPE & GARDEN so any concerns during these two weeks please speak with Kathy.

HAVE A GREAT EASTER WITH YOUR FAMILIES – HAPPY OUTDOOR TIMES and GET POTTING! Margie

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FARNBOROUGH STATE SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY
INDIVIDUAL MEDAL WINNERS 2016

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PARTICIPATION POINTS & OVERALL HOUSE CHAMP 2016

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It was a pretty steam day last Friday for the Cross Country Carnival – well done to all our students who ran their distances, and to Margie and the super staff at FSS for organising the event! Many thanks to all the wonderful people who baked/bbq'd/served on the day and to our Fundraising Coordinator Stacey Maddy for her first event. Thank you also to Rachel, Stacey & Mary who stayed late to help clean up. Just over $500 was raised in the canteen. A team effort – well done everyone!

The Easter Hampers were won by Jenny Elliot (who has donated sapphire jewellery for a Fair raffle prize for the past two years); Geoff Maddy; and Linda Stone. We are really appreciative of the families who donated items and bought tickets…over $500 was raised to go towards the school sponsor child. Special thanks also to Lee-Ann, Stacey & Stacey for selling tickets.

Carol is leaving us for the rest of the year…and the fact that she was approached for the Principal Coach position for our region, demonstrates that we have been under great leadership. On behalf of the P&C, I wish her well for the next three terms, but look forward to welcoming her back in 2017!

Happy holidays everyone. Kathy King

FARNOBOROUGH STATE SCHOOL - COUNTRY FAIR

Thank you to all who attended our first fair meeting last week. It was a very informative session for me as the incoming Fair Coordinator, and also for the new people who attended. I would like to also thank Mrs Butler, Mrs Neilson and Kathy King for their advice and knowledge – it was invaluable.

JOBS OF THE WEEK:

Food & Equipment Coordinator
We require a volunteer to take on this role, but it could be shared with someone. Essentially it entails someone to contact all the food and equipment suppliers and order what equipment and food is required. All this information is already collated including all contacts – we just need the organiser! Mostly phone & computer work, and can be done from school. If anyone is interested in helping out with this please let me know.

Fair Rides – Pre-Ticket Sales Coordinator
We will need a new volunteer (or job share with someone) to take on this role. I have done this for the past two years (& let me tell you it is pretty simple). All we require is someone to pre-sell ride tickets before the day of the fair. You will need to be available before and/or after school the last week of Term 2 and the first two weeks of Term 3. Once again, if anyone is interested in helping out with this please let me know.

Our annual Country Fair is only 4 months away…on Sunday 24th July. To all our new families this event is a wonderful day involving a variety of stalls, displays, entertainment, food, rides and great company.

Each class has a stall on the day and these will be finalised next term. If you are able to assist with organising/convening or helping out on the day, please make contact with your class teacher. Each parent is asked to give 30 minutes of their time to work on at least one stall on the day.

All the other stalls require a parent to coordinate them, but this does not mean you have to provide any of the products or even ‘man’ the stall on the day. You only need to organise the goods coming in for the stall and collate the list of happy helpers to work for 30 mins each on that stall at the Fair. Many of our parents who have filled these roles over the past years had their last year at FSS in 2015 or have a child moving on to high school next year…so we need some new blood!! I am one of those newbies to the Fair organisation – please join me! Let me know if you think you could help.

Some stalls require donations of items, so if you are keen to get organised over the Easter break here is a list of some things we will be asking for next term:

- small toys, stickers, pencils, hair ties etc - things that will fit into a brown paper bag for the Lucky Bags;
- jams, marmalades, cakes, biscuits etc for the Cake Stall (or cooking ingredients that someone else could use to bake something);
- small and large soft cuddly toys (can be second hand if in good, clean condition) for Side Show Alley;
- pot plants, herbs, fruit and vegetables for the Plant & Produce Stall;
- books for the Second Hand Book Stall (no magazines this year thanks);
- sewing, gift cards, knitting, woodwork, paintings etc (anything hand-made) for the Craft Stall;
- all unwanted household items (in good condition, NOT electrical, NO clothing) for the White Elephant Stall/Garage Sale;
- packets of wrapped lollies for the Lolly Baskets.

More information will be in the newsletters in Term 2.

Happy holidays! Rachel Walls (0450 766 127)