Dear Parents, Students & Staff

Students from years 1 to 4 were treated to a book launch last week, with the author and illustrator of “The Day Marcia Came to Town” presenting each student with their own copy of the book. This book was written by a local author to remind us of the impacts of the cyclone and also the community spirit that came out at this time.

Our school has been allocated over $85000 in Investing for Success (formally Great Results Guaranteed) Funding. This money will be used to continue our work around Reading, Spelling and Mathematics. Specifically, it will fund professional development for all staff, purchase reading eggs and online programs and allow us to continue to employ extra Teacher Aides to help support every child’s learning in these areas. With this support we will continue to improve student performance and learning outcomes.

Congratulations to Tahlia who participated in the 9 holes golf schools’ competition yesterday. Tahlia, who came 3rd, also participated in the Summer Classic competition on the holidays and was the Overall and Gross 9 Holes Girls winner. Jayden also competed over the holidays, winning the Overall and Gross 9 Holes Boys section while Rebecca won the 6 Hole Net and Overall champion.

Looks like we might have some future golfing greats among us!

Our Instrumental music program is off to a great start this year, with 43 students learning to play a brass, woodwind or percussion instrument. Our instrumental music program has shown strong growth over the past years and excellent commitment from students and parents. We look forward to seeing our students play at events such as Fantare and Combined Schools’ Concert.

Carol Butler – Mader (Principal)

UPDATING YOUR CHILD’S DETAILS
Please ensure that your child’s details are up to date. In particular your address, phone numbers, medical conditions, list of emergency contacts and any other details or family arrangements that affect your child. You can either update your details in person at the office, or email us at admin@farnboross.eq.edu.au.

Thanks, Kellie.

GIVE AWAY
We have two fibreglass tanks to give away – one beside prep and the other behind C block. Please let office staff know if you are interested and when you would be able to remove them. First in best dressed!
**Student of the Week Awards**

**Prep P**  
Jacinta J  for a fantastic effort — I can do it!  
Caleb L  for excellent manners and fantastic writing.

**Prep Y**  
Bella H  for trying hard with her letters and sounds!  
Nataya C  for trying hard in class!

**Year 1 Purple**  
Eoin F  for his super effort during class.  
Ayla D  for writing great sentences on her homework.

**Year 1 Yellow**  
Liberty B  for being an enthusiastic class member who is working very hard in Year One. Keep up the great work.  
Oliver B  for being a great member of our classroom who listens well, follows instructions, works hard and is caring towards his classmates.

**Year 2 Purple & Yellow**  
Elliott L  for putting that extra bit of effort in with tasks. Keep it up!  
Colbey B  for reconstructing a creative and inventive poem about a storm.

**Year 3 Purple**  
Sharmeka W  for always lending a helping hand to your peers.  
Mia E  for always following directions quickly.

**Year 3 Yellow**  
Neve G  for her enthusiasm towards writing.  
Rhya H  for her use of maths strategies in problem solving.

**Year 4**  
Callum H  for excellent attitude to learning.  
Dylan McL  for great improvement in organisation.

**Year 4/5**  
Ella S  for determination in maths.  
Scout W  for interesting observations and discussions in Science.

**Year 5**  
Tyson J  for a terrific improvement with homework.  
Ella McC  for a concerted effort in problem solving.

**Year 6**  
Amelia C  for being a cooperative student who works well in all situations.  
Stanley S  for perseverance when solving maths problems.

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**DATE CLAIMER**

**March**

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**Like and Share our Facebook Page**

https://www.facebook.com/
Many thanks for the ‘Active Parent Helper’ forms that have been returned. Copies can be found at the office if you are yet to fill yours in. Due to the various responses, we are now able to form smaller groups to coordinate different projects around the school.

We will hold two garden working bees next month: the first on Saturday 5th March 8am – 11am; and the second on Saturday 12th March 3pm – 5pm. All help greatly appreciated. Our first focus will be on the bare garden near admin and the classroom gardens. If you have any spare potted plants or cuttings that we could utilise (or if you are happy to donate plants) please bring them in at any time and leave them at the gateway to the SA Kitchen Garden near the basketball courts.

Is there anyone in our parent body who has had experience writing grants who would be willing to seek out and apply for grants on our behalf? If we could access external funding and add it to our own fundraising money, our dollars would go a lot further to enhance the school environment.

Next month we will also be supporting the FSS sponsor child – Soukea Varn from Cambodia, with the annual Easter Hamper raffle. As at March 1st, we ask families to bring in one non-perishable food item (preferably Australian made) to contribute to the hamper. All donations are gratefully accepted and the three prize baskets are a wonderful addition to anyone’s Easter holiday catering. Tickets will go on sale next week - $2 each.

In accordance with Part 17 of the Association’s constitution, notice is given of the 2016 Annual General Meeting of FSS P&C Association. The meeting will be held in the Library at 6:30pm on Tuesday 8th March. Nominations for all executive positions will be declared open. You must be a member of the P&C to cast your vote. Membership forms are available from the office. If you would like information regarding the AGM or a description of the committee positions, please contact pandc@farnboross.eq.edu.au.

Kathy King (0400 681 442)

BOOK CLUB NEWS

Scholastic has made some changes for Bookclub this year. There is now just one catalogue for everyone across the school which will make it much easier for everyone to see the range.

They continue to have a fabulous collection of books on offer. See the flyer with this newsletter for information on the Linked Ordering and Online Payment now available.

Our previous payment methods also continue to be available.

Orders are to be returned to school by 8.30am Thursday 3rd March.

Check out the great books and read, read, read!

Linda Orgill

You eat an elephant one bite at a time, keep chewing!
SPORTS LEADERSHIP ELECTIONS
The Year 6 students are busy preparing their persuasive speeches to speak in front of their house team members. Elections will be held on **Friday 4th March from 2pm onwards**. Parents are most welcome to attend and listen to their child deliver their words of wisdom. Good luck to all and well done to all in advance for having a go! Badges will be presented to the elected leaders on a forthcoming parade. (Date TBC)

CROSS COUNTRY FUN RUN
The date set for our first Interhouse event is **Friday March 18th commencing at 9.15am**. As in previous years we welcome all supporters on the day to come and run/walk/move/push a pram for the 1km Fun Run event. All students will be involved in the day’s proceedings with options for our older students to run the age designated distance of 2km(9yrs &10yrs) or 3km (11yrs or 12yrs) or the final run section of the 1km Fun Run. All students 8yrs and under will run the 1km distance. Once again our P&C will be running a canteen as well as supporting the event with the distribution of stickers, ribbons, icy poles and medallions to our placegetters. A full copy of the day’s programme along with the sponsorship form has been sent home with students this week. Looking forward to see as many as possible attend and support.

NATIONAL RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY
**Friday March 4th** is the date set for the National Ride to School day. Over the past years we have participated in this event with some varying activities. Ms McKee and Ms Morgan have supported the event with a horse trail ride to school and we’ve had the – ride your local pathways. This year as well as our trail riders we are having a ride from Bangalee Beach ramp to Farnborough SS. This organised bike trail ride is for Year 6 students (and their parents). A separate note outlining the information for this ride will be sent home to students this week. Students across all other year levels are encouraged to bring their bikes (with or without their trainer wheels!) and/or scooters to school on this day so they can be involved in a related class activity. With the weather starting to cool down a little now it is a great time of the year to ride our Rail Trail pathway, or the beachfront pathway or another pathway close to your home.

HPE –LESSON NEWS
How many metres can you run in 5mins or how many consecutive jumps of a skipping rope can you do? What about tapping a tennis ball onto a plastic bat-can you beat 1800 consecutive taps? These are some of the fun , endurance type, hand-eye coordination feats our Yr4 Yr 5 and Yr 6 classes have been participating in –check out their scores on the boards in the hall. Our Year 1, 2 and 3 students have 2 more lessons left of their 5 week swimming block – parents most welcome to come along and check out their child’s progress. The preps are busy in the hall each Friday learning to move their bodies in different ways and in /out/through different equipment as well as starting to learn some endurance running –and they are champs at that!

SPORT INFO –DISTRICT REP TRIALS
Please check the newsletter date claimers and the sports noticeboard for any dates and info regarding our district sporting trials. All of these are held in Rockhampton -usually after school. Students must have a “Permission to Trial form” to participate in these trials. Please see me if you need any further info.

GARDEN GNOME GOSSIP
Thank you to our staff, students, family members and past staff members who have put some time into the garden beds over the past few weeks to clean out the weeds and turn them over in preparation for planting (which will happen over the next 2 weeks). The Preps’ Herb Garden which was started last year will be our next class project to revamp and replant. This area along with the garden beds close to the Prep classrooms will be done by this year’s Prep students with their parent support prior to the end of term. Our Poultry Pals (we have chooks and ducks) are being cared for by many of our students (from Years 4 & 5) and do bring a great deal of joy to these students. Thank you to those families who have donated or brought in these feathered friends to the school chook pen.
I am in the garden with classes each Thursday. We do incorporate other subjects in particular Science, however it is very pleasing having many lunchtime visitors who just enjoy being in this area and are keen to contribute to the garden welfare- thanks Friends of the Garden!

**Green Club is happening each Thursday afternoon from 3.00 to 4.15pm.** Students from Year 3 and under need parent involvement/support whereas the students in years 4, 5 and 6 are welcome to stay under my supervision. Last week the green clubbers “splashed” some paint over some of the old furniture and also sprayed the bindies with a salt and vinegar spray(thanks to Pam for her input!). Please come along when you can, otherwise help out at the working bees or at a time that suits you (and your family).

PLEASE NOTE –Next Thursday March 3rd –**NO GREEN CLUB as I have a SPORTS MEETING to attend –apologies in advance—but hopefully we will see plenty at the weekend working bees.** Keep Active and Healthy. Have a Good Week! Margie
TUCKSHOP NEWS
Hello from the tuckshop! Last week was extra busy with sushi, pizza, burgers and the Mexican meal the most popular. The kids have been very excited about Free Fruit Friday and I love walking around with a fruit platter at the end of their lunch break. Thank you to Tanya for the delicious donation of pineapples picked fresh from the farm.

Donations are a great way to contribute and helps keep costs down, thank you to everyone who throws an extra item in their trolley for our great little tuckshop. I always need tin tomatoes, kidney beans, dates, tin pineapple, desiccated coconut, SR flour, brown sugar, honey, fresh fruit & vege, and brown paper bags.

A huge thank you to Kristy and her Mum Terry who helped out on Wednesday, and Stacey G, Stacey M and Brooke for helping on Friday. Thanks to Kath, Rachel, Deanna and Melinda for counting the money and tallying up the orders for me. I am in the process of organising online ordering through Flexi Schools and should have it up and running for the first week back in term 2!

On Wednesday afternoon I attended the Queensland Association of School Tuckshops (QAST) Management Committee meeting. I am extremely proud to hold a position on this committee, being one of only six convenors in Queensland to be chosen.

The new Smart Choices Guidelines were a hot topic and I am proud to say that my menu only needed one little tweak to fit 100% in the guidelines. The banana choc chip muffins have now been replaced with banana and honey muffins.

If you would like to view the new guidelines please drop into the tuckshop and have a look.

Have a fantastic week everyone! Regards, Amanda

KITCHEN NEWS
Hi Everyone,

I am very happy to report that cooking classes are back, starting this Friday and Grade 4 are the first lucky participants for the year! The class starts at 12noon and finishes at 1.30pm. If there are any parents who are able to come help I would love to see you in the kitchen.

I am so excited to be back in the role of kitchen specialist in our wonderful Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program.

I looking forward to fun times ahead and teaching your children how fantastic it is to learn how to cook.

This term we will be concentrating on all the different ways you can cook eggs. Sunday breakfast will never be the same again!

Hope to see you in the kitchen. Regards, Amanda
Introducing Book Clubs LOOP for Parents

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If you want to pay by credit card for your online Book Club order, our new platform makes it easy! It eliminates the need for paper order forms plus your online order is submitted to the school safe and sound.

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