Dear Parents, Students & Staff

Preps were treated to a visit by Tikka the Dental Assistant last week. They learnt lots about what happens when you go to the dentist and how to care for their teeth. Prep P have written about the visit – see their story later in the newsletter.

Our WOW day raised over $310 for the SES. This is a small thank you from us for all the wonderful work they do for the community. The donation was gratefully received by Kim Newcombe, one of our Farnborough parents and a long term SES supporter and worker. Thank you to all the students who participated and to Miss Coucom for organising this event.

Our year 6 students, accompanied by Mrs Hunter and their class teachers had lunch at the Japanese restaurant last week, where they ate, swam and practised their Japanese. The menu included sushi, miso soup, tempura prawns and green tea. During the lunch, students showed their knowledge of the Japanese culture, pouring tea for their friend but not themselves for example. From all accounts it was an “amazing” day.

Last Wednesday a number of staff attended a Dance concert in the Hall. All the dancers did an amazing job and it was lovely to see our students (and some from other schools) perform so beautifully. This also gave us a dress rehearsal for our lighting and sound ready for our end of year concert. Keep Wednesday 09 December free for the concert, which will start at 6.30pm with a barbeque dinner available beforehand.

Today our senior swimming carnival was held – photos and information will be in next week’s newsletter.

Carol Butler – Mader (Principal)

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**CHANGE to School’s Email Address**

*Please note:* There has been a change to the Principal’s email address.

It is now: [principal@farnboross.eq.edu.au](mailto:principal@farnboross.eq.edu.au) and The Finance Ladies email address is: [accounts@farnboross.eq.edu.au](mailto:accounts@farnboross.eq.edu.au)

Thank you

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Student of the Week Awards

**Prep Purple**
Sam C for clever addition work using very big numbers.
Zaya H for clever work learning 300 Magic Words.

**Prep Yellow**
Summer J for clever work learning 200 Magic Words.
Eoin F for working hard in maths.

**Year 1 Purple**
Sam McL for super effort during spelling groups.
Elliot L for his best effort in reading groups.

**Year 1 Yellow**
Kyuss G for being a hardworking class member who follows instructions and contributes great ideas to all our classwork.
Ethan W for fabulous singing, being patient and listening well at concert rehearsal.

**Year 2**
Jarrah H for great contributions in class discussions.
Elvie K for creating interesting words when creating sentences.
Sienna L for showing leadership when working in a group.

**Year 3**
Ethlan P for being a great helper at the swimming carnival.

**Year 3 / 4**
Zach C for the persistence you show when completing questions in geography.
Montana W for always being prepared and well organised for class.

**Year 4**
Parker S for great classroom discussion contributions.
Bronwyn W for great presence in persuasive speaking.
Fysher S for being focused and on task.

**Year 5**
Alexander L for excellent maths problem solving.
Jesse H for enthusiasm for maths.

**Year 5/6**
Jack McL for showing a more determined effort to complete set tasks.
Lexy W for displaying a greater confidence in the classroom.

**Year 6**
Campbell M for your contribution to the school for Reliability.
Jack O’B for you contribution to the school for Creativity.
VISIT BY DENTAL NURSE TO PREP CLASSES

On Thursday Prep Yellow and Prep Purple had a visit from Tikka the Dental Nurse. We wrote a letter asking her about looking after our teeth and visiting the dentist. We dressed as a dentist and a patient and the dragon puppet showed us how to clean our teeth with a toothbrush.

This is what we learnt:

- It takes two minutes to clean your teeth- one minute on the top and one minute on the bottom.
- Clean your teeth two times a day after breakfast and before you go to bed.
- Teeth have three sides to clean- back, front and chewing side.
- Dentists wear gloves, glasses and a smock so they don’t get germs.
- Patients wear glasses and a bib and you can go for a ride in the chair.
- Eat healthy snacks to help your teeth especially crunchy food like apples and carrots.
- Get an adult to help clean all your teeth for two minutes. (This is a long time.)
- Dentists help us look after our teeth.

At the end Tikka gave us a bag of treats including a toothbrush that lights up for one minute. Thank you Tikka for an interesting talk and toothbrush.

From Prep Yellow and Prep Purple.
How do you learn? Do you learn by seeing, hearing, reading, doing or a combination? Maths is a way of modelling the real world. Traditionally, a maths model takes the form of an equation. The use of physical models is often useful in assisting students to visualise the solution to a problem. The use of tactile objects or physically acting out a problem is a legitimate mathematical method. This strategy is very important for young children to develop an understanding of concepts using concrete materials.

For example: 12 matches are arranged on a table to form 4 squares. How can you remove 2 matches and still leave 2 squares? Some people are able to do this visually. Other will need to guess and check by manipulating concrete objects.

This week’s problems:

Upper School Problem – Years 3-6
There are five people in a room and everyone shakes every other person’s hand exactly one time. How many handshakes will occur?

Lower School Problem – Prep/Year 1
You have 25 blocks. 5 green, 10 red, 15 white. Build a feature wall to be placed behind a fountain in your garden. What could it look like?

Now apply UNDERSTAND/PLAN/Do and CHECK/REASON; place your entry in the blue box in the foyer and remember to include your name and year level.

Last week’s solutions
Upper School – 12 students can eat anything
Lower School – John = 15; Ebony = 13; Sam = 10

HAVE fun problem solving!

Lorraine Nielsen
Head of Curriculum
HPE & SPORT NEWS

Interhouse Swim Carnival
A full report will be in next week’s newsletter.

Tennis Tournament
The finals series has commenced with students across a range of year levels involved in the tail end. Good luck to all.

GARDEN GNOME GOSSIP

The Orchard Visitors
Thank you to Ann Oram, Gail Schloss and Barb Fitchen – a few local community members who have shown an interest in being involved in our SAKGS program whenever they can spare some time. Our orchard trees have all been labelled by the ladies so now we can build on from this and care for the trees how they should be cared for! There are different ways to prune different trees to enable them to grow, bear fruit better and basically be a great deal healthier. I’m not going to pretend I know all this knowledge and certainly welcome assistance from across the FSS community. Perhaps if you would like to learn some more with me we can organise a working bee/training clinic early in the new year… Please let me know (or leave your name with the ladies in the office) if you would be keen to learn more about our orchard trees.

Xmas Holiday Helpers

Calling all helpers! As we approach the longer school holiday break I’m asking for volunteers to help me ensure the garden doesn’t get out of control during the 6 weeks and that our poultry pals are safe and cared for either at different locations or by regular garden visitors. If you think you could assist me in this matter please come along and let me know so I can start a bit of a roster. Thank you to all in anticipation.

Green Club – This Thursday 3.00pm to 4.15pm – All Welcome. Apologies to all for past few weeks due to some other commitments I have had. I’m physically out of action this week but welcome any stayers – we will achieve something and reap the rewards!

Gotta get outdoors! Enjoy….. Margie

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CLUB RUGBY LEAGUE

2016 Yeppoon Junior Seagulls Sign On

Any players (new and existing) wishing to play club Rugby League in 2016 are invited to attend the Yeppoon Junior Rugby League sign on.

WHEN:     Sunday 29th November 2015
WHERE:    Yeppoon State High School Cyclone Shelter
TIME: 10am – 12pm

- New and Existing players can register online now @ www.PlayNRL.com
- Please be advised that all new players are required to provide a copy of their birth certificate.
- Transferring players please contact the club before registering.

Contact Steph on 0447 395 175 or email yeppoonjr@hotmail.com
The Farnborough SS community has always been a vibrant one and recently we have had the capable addition of Gail Schloss and Ann Oram to our ‘Green Club’. These wonderful ladies are giving their substantial knowledge and labours to our wonderful garden. They have also been in one weekend to help label the fruit trees in the orchard. We are hoping to organise a ‘pruning workshop’ for all interested families early next year, so that the garden (especially the orchard) can have the quality TLC it deserves.

Other initiatives the P&C are hoping to get up and running by early 2016 include an EFTPOS machine for the uniform shop and online ordering for Tuckshop. I hear all the parents who raid money jars and car ashtrays shouting a ‘hooray’ to this announcement. We are also looking towards a renovation in the Uniform Shop. It might have to be called “Johanna’s Jumpers” or “Kitchener’s Klotting” … in recognition of all the sweat Johanna Kitchener has put in over the past years.

At this year’s **End of Year Concert on Wednesday 9th December** the P&C will be cooking a BBQ and serving food and drinks for the FSS families and friends. We’ve now got about 10 willing volunteers… but we need about 30 more over the different timeslots. Thank you to those wonderful parents who have committed their assistance. A guideline of performance times is below, so you can help at a time without missing your child/children’s concert item. If you can give 30 minutes or one hour of your time, please send me a text message or phone me, and I’ll put your name on the roster at the time slot that best suits you and your family.

Kathy King (0400 681 442)

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### TUCKSHOP NEWS

What a great couple of weeks we have had in the tuckshop! We have had some wonderful publicity regarding the tuckshop awards with Channel 7 News and ABC radio. The positive effect this has created has been great, I have been contacted by a couple of schools from as far away as the sunshine coast wanting information on how they can make a healthy change in their tuckshop too. It is a great thing being able to promote healthy eating and I am proud of the fact that our fantastic little school is leading the way and inspiring other schools.

A huge thank you to Barbara and Nycole for helping me prep on Tuesday and to Vanessa, Larissa, Alicia, Brooke, Lee-Ann, Deanna, Julia, Kellie and Melinda for helping me on Wednesday and Friday.

Once again I need help tomorrow and Friday, I know things are getting busy and it’s hard to fit it all in at this time of year but I cannot do it without my awesome helpers!

*Have a fantastic week. Regards, Amanda*