Dear Parents, Students & Staff

Our long awaited road works, designed to improve student safety during pick up and drop off, will begin later this week. The first stage will involve widening Hinz Avenue, and this work will be completed between now and the start of next term. During this time, the left side of Hinz Avenue will be barricaded off, meaning there will be NO parking on this side of the road.

To help alleviate issues this may cause, I would suggest that parents either-

1. Park on the school side of Hinz Avenue as far down as the grounds shed or school boundary. Your children can walk down the footpath area to you.
2. Stagger pick up times slightly. There will be someone on duty at the Hinz Avenue gate (near the Prep building) until 3:20pm, so parents can consider arriving a little later to pick up children. All children will be required to sit on the grass outside of the Administration Block while waiting.

Please be patient during construction time and remember that the end result will be safer school pick up for everyone.

Well done to our under 10 and under 12 Rugby League teams who played in the Development Cup on Friday. The teams played a number of games and demonstrated exceptional sportsmanship and did well against more experienced teams.

Have you seen the Stephanie Alexander Garden lately? Following the damage done by Marcia, we were lucky enough to get a $5000 grant from Department of Education, and thanks to an application by Lee-Ann Lovegrove, assisted by students Samantha, Oscar and Sienna, received a further $1500 boost from Westfarmers Curragh Pty Ltd. With these funds, we have already purchased six raised beds which will be filled for planting and we are investigating the possible purchase of a large greenhouse.

Yesterday we had a special visit from the Director General of Education, Dr Jim Waterston and our Regional Director, Kim Fredricks. They visited a number of classrooms and were impressed with our hard working classrooms.

Carol Butler-Mader  Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Please take the time to have a look at the school’s notice board (near the uniform shop) for the latest news on what’s happening around our community.
OUR NEWSLETTER
SPONSORS

Student of the Week Awards - Week 14

Prep Purple
- Summer J for great reading.
- Zac B for trying hard in class.

Prep Yellow
- Ami B for a fantastic effort with neat writing and excellent manners.
- Gracie G for clever work with rhyming words.

Year 1 Yellow
- Jess W for a great effort learning her spelling words each week.
- Larne W for a great improvement in learning his spelling words each week.

Year 1 Purple
- Elle G for great listening in the classroom.

Year 2
- Evan H for great effort and improvement with his spelling.

Year 3
- Jed VA for a great effort with persuasive speech on Lego.
- Jayden L for a great effort with persuasive speech on Fishing.

Year 3 / 4
- Shyanne B for working hard to master her number facts.
- Lara F for being a diligent learner.

Year 4
- Levi B for great descriptions in writing.
- Hunter L for a great effort and improvement in reading.

Year 5
- Kyra P for being organised and ready for learning.

Year 5 / 6
- Oscar S for displaying confidence in classwork and school activities.
- Luke F for showing enthusiasm towards school.

Year 6
- Campbell M for helping in class with a friendly attitude.
- Jack O’B for consistently working hard in class.

DATE CLAIMER

May

- 25th Pie Drive orders due in

JUNE

- 3rd School Photos — full school uniform (NO footy shorts)
- 3rd Rugby Union Trials - 10-12Yrs @ Frenchville SS 4:15pm
- 6th & 7th Yeppoon Show
- 8th Public Holiday for Queen’s Birthday
- 10th Interhouse field events (9—12yrs)
- 10th Pie Drive orders to be collected
- 11th Rockhampton Show Holiday for Livingstone Shire residents
- 17th Interhouse Track & Field events — all year levels, prep — yr6
- 19th School Disco
- 22nd Report Cards sent home
- 23rd & 24th Year 4 Camp
- 26th Last Day for Term 2 - Happy Holidays
BOOKCLUB

It’s that time again when we all devour the catalogues hungry for a new book. There are so many great titles on offer. This time each catalogue has an additional section called Extra containing a great variety of additional items. Each catalogue also offers a $2 “gold coin” title. Look out for Geronimo Stilton in *The Cheese Burglar*, a Jackie French title called *Shark Attack* or for the older readers—*Lone Wolf*. With FSS kids all working hard on achieving a 100% rate for the Premiers Reading Challenge bookclub has something for everyone.

In the P—2 catalogue look out for Aaron Blabey’s new story—*Thelma The Unicorn*, Margaret Wild’s—*The Pocket Dogs*, *Clifford The Big Red Dog* and the classic *Tashi* to name a few.

The 3—4 catalogue offers delights such as *The Famous Five* library, the Roald Dahl hilarious classic—*The BFG* and the Terry Denton and Andy Griffiths favourite—*The 13 Storey Treehouse*. Check out the *Tintin* adventure in the older readers catalogue and the laugh out loud funny—*Would The Real Stanley Carrot Please Stand Up*.

Parents, if your purchases are for a gift please write that on your order and you will be notified when it is available for collection.

Orders returned 3rd June - NO LATE ORDERS PLEASE!!

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

There is so much going on at the moment in Performing Arts that this week I have decided to dedicate a section in the newsletter to it.

Firstly the audition process for Farnborough’s Got Talent has finished and acts are being finalised. Results of which acts are through were announced to the students today. The contestants and I now have 5 weeks and a lot of work ahead of us to polish routines until the final performance which will be held on the last Friday of Term 2, 26th June from 11 o’clock. A rehearsal schedule will be posted on the door of the hall and contestants are asked to dedicate one day each week either Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday to rehearse at lunch time. Contestants must turn up to ALL REHEARSALS on their chosen day. Parents are welcome to attend Farnborough Got Talent.

Last week your child/ren were sent home with a Performing Arts letter informing you of 4 upcoming performances. These performances are part of our learning experience and we encourage all students to attend all performances. The cost of the performances is $12 and money needs to be in by the end of this term.

Onto the Farnborough Fair. This year I am organising the stage show and have organised each class to do a small act. I am also looking for local performance groups whether it be modelling, dancing, singing, instrumental music to fill up the day with entertainment. If you yourself have something artistic to share or perform, please let me know.

Yours in Performing Arts Jacienta
Trends in Reading

Did you know?
Over 32,000 Year 3-11 children were surveyed.
A 2014 report from the National Literacy Trust showed:

- Levels of reading enjoyment have risen
- Daily reading rates have increased substantially with a 28.6% increase in children who read outside the class on a daily basis.
- Twice as many children read outside the class for fun each day (now 29.6%).
- Except for magazines all forms of reading increased, with musical lyrics (50.3%), text messages (72.6%), websites (60.2%) and social networking being the highest (53.6%). Interestingly, 46.7% of all children read fiction at least once a month outside class.
- The majority of children said they have a favourite book (61.0%).
- Girls continue to be the most devoted readers
- Girls and boys read different material outside school - more girls than boys read computer-based formats.
- Children who enjoyed reading are three times more likely to read above their appropriate level than children who do not enjoy reading (34.9% compared to 10.7%).

Message – ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO READ
The Propagating Workshop is being held this afternoon, 26th May (3:00 – 4:00pm) for anyone who would like to learn correct potting techniques. Maria Kalpaxis is coordinating the plant stall at the Fair this year, and is keen to share her expertise. Everyone is welcome! Please bring any cuttings you have & meet Maria in the SAK Garden. Potting mix & pots are provided.

2015 Farnborough Fair – Sunday 26th July

Whoooops! Apologies for the wrong date in last week’s newsletter…I was having a terrible typo day. It is 2 months away today!

Thank you to Melissa Silverthorne who has offered to help Rachael, Bec & Tamara cook the curries for the Curry House. The Year 4G parents are running this stall this year and the children will soon be getting a list of ingredients to purchase.

Entry fee for this year’s Scarecrow Competition is $5 and there will be a great prize for the most colourful and original creation. If you’ve always wanted to have a go at making a scarecrow, please make this your year! You don’t really need much hay at all, so if you would like to bring in a garbage bag, there are some bales for you to collect a bagful for your stuffing in the SAK Garden.

The Year 5 M class are looking after the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Stall. They would love donations of all interesting pots & containers you might have around home…old boots, tea pots, large tins – anything that might look quirky once a plant has been put into it. This stall also sells home-grown produce & home-made preserves & chutneys – so if you have any spare, please drop in to their classroom closer to the Fair. Contact Ms Morgan or Margie if you have any queries or ideas.

FROM YOUR P & C ASSOCIATION

Book Stall is after pre–loved books in good condition, DVD’s & CD’s. Phone Justine on 0419 654 247

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Stall is keen for your quirky pots, herb seedlings, jams, preserves & home grown produce. Contact Ms Morgan (Yr 5) & Margie

Craft Stall is looking for any lovely handmade items. Call Michelle on 0400 825 604

DONATION CALL OUT
If you are able to donate items for any of the stalls at the Fair, please contact the coordinator or leave your donations at the office.

Side Show Alley needs soft cuddly toys for prizes. Please phone Amber on 0410 491 050

Plant Stall is wanting your potted plants of any size/all varieties. Please contact Maria on 0417 380 810

Lucky Bags are keen for any small toys. See Mrs Sherriff (Prep Purple)

White Elephant Stall is keen for all second hand goods such as crockery, glasses, bags, baby goods etc. Please phone Amanda on 0414 320 486
TUCKSHOP TALK

Friday saw a record number of tuckshop orders – wow, we were busy! The pizza was a huge hit and the kids are loving it! A big thank you to Michelle for making the delicious 'made from scratch' pizza bases each week. This week I would like to thank Barbara, Nycole, Kylee, Julia and Sue for helping me in the kitchen and Amanda, Melinda, Kelly, Sue, Kathy and Alicia for helping with tallying and money. The kids also enjoyed home cooked muffins made by Brooke. Thank you Brooke!

Volunteering is such a great way to make new friends, improve or learn new skills for future employment, contribute to volunteering hours for reporting requirements and most important of all, you will be doing something very worthwhile for your school community. The added bonus is seeing how excited your children are to see you in the tuckshop!

Help is required in the kitchen from 9am to 11:30am; and also with tallying orders from 8:30 to 9:15am, on both Wednesday’s and Friday’s.

Are you able to help weekly, fortnightly, monthly or even once a term? If you can, please fill in the form below. Pick a date this term and lock it on the Tuckshop Calendar. No experience is necessary, and I have processes in place that help everything run smoothly. It does not matter if you don't cook, there are plenty of jobs to suit everyone.

For further information please do not hesitate to give me a call on 0414 320 486.

Thank you! Amanda

TUCKSHOP HELPERS REQUIRED

Please tick preferences and return to the tuckshop or the office, or email amandaliveshere73@gmail.com

Dear Amanda,

I am available to help .....  

When: weekly ☐ fortnightly ☐ monthly ☐ once a term ☐

Day: Wednesday ☐ Friday ☐

Hours: 8.30am – 9:15am (tallying orders) ☐

9am – 11:30am (in the kitchen) ☐

I am interested in home baking on a weekly ☐ fortnightly ☐ monthly basis? ☐

Name:.................................................................................................................................

Phone:...............................................Email:.................................................................

Child's name and classroom:..........................................................................................