Hi all and welcome to week four,

Could all current families, who have a new Prep student attending next year, please ensure that their enrolment forms are handed in to the office as soon as possible. We are just about to begin finalising numbers, classes etc and we need to ensure that all enrolment packages are returned.

As you would be aware, this week is my final week as Acting Principal at Farnborough State School. In my short time here, I have thoroughly enjoyed myself and found this opportunity to be a very worthwhile and valuable experience. I must commend Mrs Butler and the staff here at Farnborough. It is very clear that all staff members know the students, care for the students and are willing to go “the extra mile” to see them succeed. The atmosphere here at Farnborough is also one of the strengths of the school. It is a medium sized school but has a small school feel where everyone knows and helps out everyone else.

I must commend all of the students on being wonderful representatives of Farnborough State School and always talking and smiling with me, whenever I am out and about.

“As a final thought, always remember to read with your children. Reading with young children (pre school age) develops their oral language, teaches them that books are interesting, helps them learn facts, new words, letters and sounds as well as much more. Through their school years, reading with your children helps them develop their reading skills and ability to make meaning from the text in front of them. It also builds their knowledge base, vocabulary and thinking skills. Reading is a skill we all need for life and the better we are at it, the easier things can be for us. “Remember to always reach for the moon, because even if you miss, you'll fall amongst the stars.”

Matt Winter
Acting Principal

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**Student of the Week Awards**

**Week 3 — Term 4**

**PREP M**
Kody K for working hard to keep his work neat and tidy.
Taylor T for mastering the first 100 magic words.
Callum S for mastering the first 100 magic words.

**Year 1**
Kaius S for having good scientific vocabulary.
Elvie K for giving clear explanations on how to make a pet rock.
Callum T for understanding words and their meanings.

**Year 2**
Layney O’B for great sentence writing.
Sienna P for making fantastic progress in her reading.

**Year 2/3**
Jude B for putting great effort into his work.
Charlie K for working hard in art.
Levi T for having great initiative in maths.
Damon H for excellent work in maths.
Dayna G for writing great sentences during vocabulary lesson.

**Year 6**
Kody T for working hard to keep his work neat and tidy.
Taylor T for mastering the first 100 magic words.
Callum S for mastering the first 100 magic words.

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Be SunSmart — 10 Myths about sun protection

Australia has one of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world. This is largely due to our climate, our proximity to the equator and our love of the great outdoors. Fortunately, being SunSmart is a simple and effective way to reduce your risk of developing skin cancer. Cancer Council recommends a five-step approach to sun protection when the SunSmart UV Alert is 3 or above. Shows that using a solarium can significantly increase your risk of developing melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancer. There is no safe way to tan – whether from the sun or a solarium.

6. Plenty of sun exposure is required to avoid vitamin D deficiency. FALSE You do not need to expose yourself to the sun during peak times to get enough vitamin D. In summer in the southern parts of Australia, and all year round in the north, a few minutes of mid-morning or mid-afternoon sun exposure will help with vitamin D. Be extra cautious in the middle of the day when UV levels are most intense.

In northern parts of Australia, most people can maintain adequate vitamin D levels year round just by going about their day-to-day activities, so it is not necessary to deliberately seek UV radiation exposure. During winter in the southern parts of Australia, two to three hours of midday sun exposure spread throughout the week will help with vitamin D. When UV levels are 3 or above, sun protection is still needed. Increasing your sun exposure beyond the recommended level does not increase your vitamin D levels.

PAYMENTS DUE

Statements will be sent home this week to any families with amounts owing.

Please finalise any overdue payments from the list below by the end of the week.

- Yr 2 / 3 Cooking - $10
- Yr 6 / 7’s Cooking - $10
- Yr 7 Swimming - $49
- Yr 6 Swimming - $46.50
- Yr 4 & 5 Swimming - $51
- Prep to Yr 3 Swimming - $35.50

Please finalise the following payments by the due dates.

- Yr 5 NKI Camp - $187 Due 29th Oct
- Yr 6 & LOTE Lunch - $30 Due 6th Nov

Also the appropriate permission forms need to be returned as well.

Thank you

HPE & SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations & Well Done

- To Tahlia T (Yr 2/3) who won the Central Schools Nett Individual 9 Hole Golf U/12 girls last Monday.
- To Colby L (Yr 6/7H) who on the weekend made the Qld Country Lifesavers Team.
- To Our FSS Aquathon Competitors—Jordan McC, Finn H, Trinity L and Indianna T. These students participated in the Cap. Reg. trials yesterday. Finn H gained 4th place overall and will now complete at the Qld titles at Harvey Bay.

Rec Activities

As we approach the final part of our year and the weather conditions heat up it means that our students need to be shown some recreational activities which they can pursue during the school holidays. In previous years we have been fortunate in having volunteer parents assist with this program. Activities can range from wide pursuits like craft, pottery, needlework, chess, card games, art, singing, knot tying, guitar playing etc through to outside pursuits like Zumba, aerobics, basketball, tennis, bike riding, gardening etc... Last year we even had fishing and horse etiquette. The dates for the Rec. Activities are Wk 6 (14th Oct), Wk 7 (21st Oct) and Wk 9 (5th Nov). If you are able to assist please leave your name at the office or speak to me if you see me around the school.

Thanks — Have a healthy, sunsmart active week. Margie
Tea Towel Fundraiser .. orders due back tomorrow

Last week forms went home for our 2014 Tea Towel Fundraiser.

If you did not receive one then please visit the office, they have spares.

These great quality tea towels will be printed with “every” child and teacher in the school’s self portrait.

This fundraiser was last held 3 years ago and many families are still using them at home.

They make a great gift for family at Christmas time or a keepsake for your child.

Forms need to be returned with money to the school by tomorrow 29th October and tea towels will be available to collect before the end of the term.... Just in time for CHRISTMAS!

HELP SAVE OUR UNIFORM SHOP

For many many years Johanna Kitchener, one of our school Mum’s, has been running our uniform shop as a volunteer. Johanna is nearing the end of her time with Farnborough and we are looking for someone that would like to take over this vital service.

One benefit of having our own uniform shop on school grounds is clearly convenience. However we are also able to keep our uniform prices affordable for all families. Without one, or maybe two, people to help run this service unfortunately we will need to close the shop and out source the sale of uniforms to a retail outlet in town. The cost per item will be considerably more if this were to happen and we would no longer have the opportunity of purchasing second hand items.

The role is approximately 2 to 3 hours per week. Opening hours can be changed to any morning or afternoon that might suit the person that takes it on.

Please see the office or ring Michelle McCann on 0438 283 342 if you are interested.

TREASURER NEEDED

For the past 3 years Olivia Harding has held the executive role of Treasurer on our P&C Committee. In this time she has put in place procedures to fulfill this role and make it easy for anyone willing to take over. We sincerely thank her for her efforts as she has brought this specialized area on our committee to a reporting standard that we are all very pleased with and find easy to understand.

Olivia is stepping down from this position as of next year. She is not leaving our school but with other commitments would like to hand over to another person. A new computer has been purchased for this role and any accounting program may be used. Olivia will be available to show anyone interested the ropes.

Please consider taking on this vital role ... if you like numbers then we would love your help!

If you would like to consider the Treasurers position on our P&C please see the office or ring Michelle McCann on 0438 283 342.