From the Principal’s Desk

Eight school days to go! Farnborough is a great place to be with each day packed with learning, adventure and celebration. Our last school Parade will be next Tuesday. It will be a poignant moment in end of year celebrations with Farnborough’s leaders, the Year 6 students, handing the mantle of leadership over to the current Year 5 students. We will also be celebrating Spirit and Team Challenge Awards, presenting trophies to our Chess and Tennis competition winners AND acknowledging the extraordinary achievement of our 100% Attenders!

Legacy Grove

When planning what their physical legacy would be this year Farnborough’s Year 6 students were inspired by memories of time spent under a lovely old tree that graced the area where the Administration block stands today. In the hope that future generations of students might enjoy the same experience, they have planted a grove of Tuckeroo trees behind the hall. Special thanks to Jo Beatty for her work surveying the students and initiating the project. Also thanks to Jo, Saja Pfingst and Kylie Nielsen, Justine Hodges for their collaboration in creating a truly memorable plaque.

Reports

Report cards will be distributed on Monday. When unpacking the report card, a ‘C’ means that your child is performing at expected year level. Congratulations to Farnborough students, their teachers and to you, on an excellent year of learning!

Congratulations Green Crocs!

A great day! After a long dry spell, Green Crocs pulled out all stops to win the team championship. It was a delight to see Year 3 to Year 6 students enjoying a day in the water. Congratulations to Farnborough’s great athletes for your achievements in the pool. Well done to all for your participation in a day where your water safety and swimming learning was showcased in such a fun way! I was relieved that the chickens were kept afloat in the relays and that the staff team dominated in the final, most prestigious event of the day…

Pancake Breakfast

I’m looking forward to joining our morning readers at the final ‘Pancake Breakfast’ of the year. A big thankyou to the early bird families who had students here at school, bright eyed and bushy tailed in the wee hours and special thanks to Mrs Linda Orgill for her untiring efforts to improve the reading ability of our students.

Final Day of Recreational Activities

This Friday will be the final day of Recreational Activities for 2016. A big thank you to all staff and volunteers for making this program possible! Students tell me that they have enjoyed the four week program and are looking forward to sharing their newfound skills with you.

Places still available in P-6 classes 2017. Please contact us asap if you wish to be included in our 2017 classes.
Congratulations Taila!
On the weekend, Taila competed in the Australian All Star Cheer Federation National Championships on the Gold Coast alongside her fellow Aussie Cheer and Dance group “Diamonds”. There were 1400 teams, 8000-10,000 competitors and 42 international judges. Taila competed in the Youth Level Two against four other teams from across Qld, Nsw, Vic and SA. Taila’s team came away with 1st place with zero deductions which makes them the National Grand Champions! It is an amazing achievement for such a small little gym in Yeppoon. Well done Taila!

Tyson celebrates and amazing year!
Here he is with the $3500 chassis that he won in the final round of the CQ Series! 2016 saw Tyson complete his first year as a Cadet 12 hoping to follow on from his Cadet 9 Club Championship win. 2016 has seen Tyson compete at a Club level with the final round being held on the 3rd of December in Rockhampton. Tyson has a good chance of winning Club champion again. During the year, Tyson also competed in the CQ Series with events held at Rockhampton, Bundaberg, Emerald and Gladstone. Tyson finished 11th out of 22 Karter’s with the highlight being his winning of the new chassis. 2017 sees Tyson preparing to compete on a national level in the 2017 Rotax Pro tour. This involves 6 rounds across Australia with Round 1 being in Melbourne on January 26-27-28-29. Tyson hopes to learn more and more every round next year. All the best for the Melbourne launch of your 2017 season, Tyson.

Kaitlyn Qualifies for Two State Title Competitions in the New Year
Congratulations Kaitlyn! In 2017 Kaitlyn will be competing in the State Aquathon Titles in Qualified Harvey Bay AND the State swimming titles in Brisbane. Kaitlyn will be competing in the breaststroke, backstroke and freestyle events. All the best at the titles Kaitlyn.

Year 1 Prepare for the Festive Season
It was great to see so many parents embracing the spirit of the season in Farnborough’s Year 1 classes.
Children's Development

Student of the Week Awards

**Prep P**
- Adelaide G for always producing neat handwriting
- Shion K for clever spelling

**Prep Y**
- Nikita D for great reading and sentence writing
- Lacey L for always being keen and ready to learn

**Year 1 Purple**
- Samuel S for working hard on his classroom reading. Well done Sam!
- Ayla D for always presenting her work with pride

**Year 1 Yellow**
- Ella B for being a wonderful class member who is a good thinker and great at following directions
- Kailin S for great work on her writing this week. You really got on with the job. Well done!

**Year 2 Purple & Yellow**
- Madalyn H for great questions in reading groups
- Sera J for working hard and staying focused in all activities

**Year 3 Purple**
- Elvie K for your persistence and positive attitude in maths
- Sienna L for having your desk and belongings organised and ready to learn

**Year 3 Yellow**
- Ella P for her friendship to all class members
- Rhya H for her enthusiasm and commitment to all class tasks

**Year 4**
- Kathryn C for quietly striving for excellence.
- Shae G for diligence when problem solving
- Layla P for having a terrific attitude to learning

**Year 4/5**
- Tahlia T for being a positive and friendly influence in the classroom.
- Alice M for being a positive and friendly influence in the classroom.

**Year 5**
- Lily P for enthusiasm in all activities at school
- Harry R for making the extra effort to keep our school clean

**Year 6**
- Lexy W for having a positive attitude towards her learning
- Anna N for always being a co-operative and helpful group member

**DATE CLAIMER**

**NOVEMBER**

- 30th: Swimming Junior Fun Morning—Preps — Yr 2 9am—1pm

**DECEMBER**

- 1st: Surfing break up — Year 6
- 1st: Early Morning Readers — Pancake breakfast
- 2nd: Year 6 Japanese Excursion
- 5th: Report Cards and Booklists sent home
- 5th: Year 6 Graduation commences 5:30pm
- 6th: Last Parade for 2016—Year 6 handover commences 9:00am
- 6th: Concert dress rehearsal
- 7th: Concert Night commencing 6:00pm
- 9th: Last day for Term 4 — Happy Holidays
**Year 6 2016 Legacy Tree Planting Morning**

In the past, senior students at Farnborough State School have left a legacy when they graduate to go on to High School. This year, the current Year 6 students organised five Cupaniopsis anacardioides commonly named the ‘Tuckeroo’ tree to be planted behind the hall for their 2016 legacy before leaving Farnborough State School.

The ‘Tuckeroo’ trees were planted during a ceremony which was held last Thursday 24th November at 10.00am. It was lovely to see a number of parents attend the ceremony and assist the students in planting the trees, which will create a shady glen for years to come.

A commemorative plaque will be placed on a sandstone rock, at the base of the trees.

Mrs Grant (HPE Teacher)  Mrs Forrest (Year 6)

**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC - PARENT MEETING**

There will be an Instrumental Music meeting for all new parents on Wednesday 7th December, before the end of the year concert.

Commencing 3:15pm — 4:00pm in the library.

Our Band students are then performing as pre-entertainment whilst parents are eating and waiting for the Whole School Show on Wednesday night.
The Giving Tree

A massive thank you to our Farnborough families for the donations to our “Giving Tree.” We now have a table which is overflowing with the most amazing gifts for children who are in care.

If you would still like to participate, we have until Thursday of this week as the gifts will be handed over to Anglicare and Uniting Care Community at our parade this week.

We do ask that the donations remain unwrapped to assist in matching the gift to an appropriate child.

Many thanks for your generosity. Chappy Karenne

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Livingstone Libraries at Yeppoon, Emu Park and Byfield offer excellent School Holiday programs starting this season with Twelve Days Of Christmas. This program caters for a range of age groups with a variety of exciting activities on offer.

Look out for Christmas Crafts where children are making cards, decorations and wrapping paper or learn the basics of coding using an iPa and Sphero, a robotic ball in Introduction to Coding with Sphero. Also on offer is learning how to make Sphero (a robotic ball) move and change colours using an iPad in Introduction to Robotics With Sphero. Bookings are essential. To book or find out about age groups and activities available phone 49133850 or email library@livingstone.qld.gov.au

Lego builders may be interested in an exhibition coming to the Rockhampton Art Gallery- 10 December 2016 – 5 March 2017- Towers of Tomorrow with LEGO® Bricks combines architecture and design in an interactive space. The exhibition features astonishing skyscrapers from Asia and Australia ranging from Singapore’s iconic Marina Bay Sands to Australia’s skyscrapers including Q1 on the Gold Coast, and Melbourne’s Eureka Tower. The towers have been constructed from LEGO® bricks with breathtaking architectural detail and accuracy by the Southern Hemisphere’s only certified LEGO® professional, Australia’s Ryan McNaught.. For more information on activities and the exhibition visit http://www.rockhamptonartgallery.com.au/Whats_on/Exhibitions/Upcoming_exhibitions/Towers_of_Tomorrow

SCHOOL HOLIDAY BOREDOM BUSTER

The Mill Gallery in Yeppoon will be holding five children’s art workshops over the Christmas school holidays! Kumihimo Braided Bracelets, Paper Mache Native Bird Sculptures, Mandalas, Contemporary String Art and Action Figure Wire Sculpture! Visit www.themillgallery.com.au/workshops for details and to enrol online or email millgalleryworkshops@gmail.com for more information.
SENIORS – INTERHOUSE SWIM CARNIVAL

Wow, busy day once proceedings got underway. It was very pleasing to see the number of students who participated in the maximum distance swims for each stroke – all wanting to gain more points for their house team. Congratulations to every student who attended and either swam for their house points or for those few who couldn’t swim due to health reasons – they cheered their team on. Great work FSS.

Thank you to our parent supporters. Thanks also to the secondary students Colby Louis, Samantha Fielder, Chelsea Jones and Brooke who assisted some students with their swim downs.

Thank you to Amanda and our tuckshop helpers who had an extremely busy morning but still delivered some yummo lunch deals to the hungry swimmers!

We certainly had some standout swimmers across all the age groups. Many of these students obviously put in the hard yards with regular training sessions in their own time.

Congratulations to the following students who collected the individual awards for their solid work on the day.

12yrs Boys – Clayton H  11yrs Boys – Slater L 10yrs Boys – Mason Mc  8/9yrs Boys – Riley J

Our presentations at the end of the day were rather rushed. This is something we will address next year to ensure the captains have a chance for a public speaking opportunity, as well as the need to acknowledge the individual champs a little better.

The house team trophy results for the day were:

Pam Purton Novelties Trophy – Bluebottles 1st Greencrocs 2nd Redbacks 3rd
Sally Matta Relays Trophy – Greencrocs 1st Redbacks 2nd Bluebottles 3rd
The Hedges Family Individual Races Trophy – Greencrocs 1st Bluebottles 2nd Redbacks 3rd
The Cathey Family Overall Shield – Greencrocs 1st Bluebottles 2nd Redbacks 3rd

Once again in the last fun relay, the oldies (combined staff and parents) beat the high school students and the Year 6 teams. Go the oldies!

JUNIOR SWIM FUN MORNING

Don’t forget the date claimer – **Tomorrow Wednesday November 30th**. This is not a carnival. This is just an opportunity for the junior students to show their family members their swimming and water safety skills.

Everyone welcome. Please bring your togs so you can join in. Unfortunately, we do not have a “back –up” date for this event, if we do have to cancel due to “bad” weather.

Please ensure the school office, or the class teacher is informed if your child is meeting us at the YSS pool.

We will be putting up shade structures from 8.00am onwards. Welcome any assistance!

Any parents wishing to bring own shade structures – most welcome to do so.

GARDEN G-NOME GOSSIP

POULTRY PALS NEED A HOLIDAY DESTINATION…. Any volunteers to adopt one or two of our feathered friends… please let me know. Much appreciated.

ANY GARDEN CARETAKERS …..keen to help out for an hour or so with some basic maintenance during the holiday break… this would also be appreciated. Let’s hope that Mother Nature is kind to us and delivers 10mls of rain each week!

*Have a great week. Margie*
Many thanks to Sylvia Sell who is doing some research into possible grants that our school could apply for. Our hit list includes some enormous fans for the school hall and some new playground equipment. If anyone in our community has access to grants through their work, please let us know so that we may be able to pursue these external avenues of funding.

The **End of Year Concert** is next Wednesday 7th December. Thank you to the TWO parents who have volunteered their time to help in the Canteen. However, this is of course not enough man/woman power to operate such a big task. We do need volunteers to make it work, and are seeking MORE helpers to assist with the preparations and set-up, cooking and serving. Please look at the list below and contact me to put your name on the roster at the time slot that best suits you and your family.

| ROSTER FOR BBQ/CANTEEN - END OF YEAR CONCERT 2015 |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| **Tuesday 6th** | Job               | Parent #1 | Parent #2 | Parent #3 | Parent #4 |
| 9:00 – 11:00 am | Set up & prep work |         |         |         |         |
| **Wednesday 7th** | Job               | Parent #1 | Parent #2 | Parent #3 | Parent #4 |
| 9:00 – 11:00 am | Prep work          |         |         |         |         |
| 11:00 – 1:00am  | Prep work          |         |         |         |         |
| 3:00 – 4:00 pm  | Cooking & serving  |         |         |         |         |
| 4:00 – 5:00 pm  | Cooking & serving  |         |         |         |         |
| 5:00 – 6:00 pm  | Serving            |         |         |         |         |
| 6:00 - 6:30 pm  | Serving            |         |         |         |         |
| 6:30 – 7:00 pm  | Serving            |         |         |         |         |
| 7:00 – 7:30 pm  | Serving            |         |         |         |         |
| 7:30 – 8:00 pm  | Pack up            |         |         |         |         |

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**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

What a massive week in tuckshop! The Lunchbox orders were a huge hit for our senior swimming carnival on Friday; apologies for being late, WIN News held me up!

Tomorrow is the Junior swimming carnival, lunches will be delivered by 11.30pm, hopefully no news teams turn up to film me tomorrow!

A big thank you to Tanya, Jodie, Julia R, Julia C and Brooke for helping me out, it was a massive week and I could not have done it without you.

This is our LAST tuckshop week for the year; TUCKSHOP is CLOSED next week. On Wednesday I will be busy cooking yummy food for our Christmas concert. If there is anyone that would like to come help out please put your name down on the roster sheet above.

Tomorrow there will be NO SUSHI and tuckshop open as usual this Friday.

Have a great week everyone.
Regards, Amanda
Livingstone Shire Library this year is participating in the **Summer Reading Club**. This motivational program is a fabulous, free way to engage your children this holidays. Reading is an essential skill for everyone. It is the vital foundation of a child’s learning and engagement in their school years and for life.

The Summer Reading Club encourages children and young people to discover great authors and illustrators of picture books, junior and young adult fiction and non-fiction. The literary and creative activities developed for the online activity site, and the programming delivered in local public libraries aim to encourage a love of reading and ongoing multi-literacy skills development among children, young people and their families during the summer holidays.

**Participation in the Summer Reading Club is FREE!**

You can encourage your child to participate in the Summer Reading Club in the following ways:

- Check with our local library to see what activities will be happening as part of the Summer Reading Club.
- Take your child to the library and help them select books to read during the summer holidays.
- Your local librarian will be able to help guide your child to select reading materials that are of interest to them.

Register your child in the 2016 Summer Reading Club by completing the [online registration form](#).

- Encourage your children to participate in the [online Summer Reading Club activities](#). The Summer Reading Club interactive website provides fun and engaging online activities such as book raves, writing competitions, games, recommended reading lists and links to other websites for children and their families.
- Guide and assist your child to navigate through the website and activities – for example, with younger participants, scan a picture of their artwork and help them upload their work to the e-gallery or assist them when typing their responses to the online writing competitions.
- The website activities are grouped into three levels to appeal to a diverse range of readers. Each level has a number of interactive activities – *Preschool activities* (0-5yrs); *Primary level activities* (5-12yrs) and *Secondary level activities* (12+ years).
- Themed activity booklets are available for download for each age level.
- Help your child submit their entries to the writing activities, add a comment to Have Your Say, write a Book Rave or send in their artwork to the Summer Reading Club Gallery. There are a number of prizes to be won. Online competitions close 31 January 2017. Winners will be notified by phone and/or email.
- Offer help when asked for assistance.
- Read with your children. Help them complete their reading logs! Happy Reading!