Dear Parents, Students and Staff

As we move into the last weeks of school, there is no shortage of events and happenings. Our morning readers, who participated in before school reading at some time this year were treated to a pancake breakfast. We are very proud of these students for the effort they put in and the reading gains they have attained. Everyone agreed that the pancakes were delicious and the early morning starts were all worth it!

Some of the wonderful people who volunteered in any number of ways over the year had a lovely afternoon tea on the deck of the kitchen. From me a huge thank you to all our supporters, I am always amazed at the generosity of Farnborough parents and the willingness to help our school in so many ways.

Our lunch time tennis competition has been finalised with Oce and Haylee first and second in the girls’ competition and Tom beating Ethan in the boys’ final. Thanks to Margie for running this competition.

Remember our End of Year Concert will be held next week on Wednesday 11 December, starting at 6.30pm. A program will be in next week’s newsletter. On the night, Prep to Year 3 students will spend the first half of the concert in the library moving with their teachers to the hall in time for their act, while Year 4 – 7 students will be seated at the front of the hall. During intermission, Prep to Year 3 students who are staying for the second half will be seated at the front of the Hall, while Year 4-6 students will move to the library and year 7 to their classroom, to get ready for their acts. No students should be playing outside the Hall at any time and we ask for your cooperation to ensure this does not occur and the night runs smoothly.

We will also be announcing a number of awards for academic excellence on the night. Recipients for these awards have been determined from set criteria which includes a number of measures of academic achievement. There will also be Citizenship and Community awards presented.

We look forward to seeing you at the concert and hope you have as much fun watching, as the students have had preparing their items.

Report cards and book lists will be distributed next Monday. You will also receive an invitation to make an appointment with teacher/s to discuss your child/ren’s report/s.

Carol Butler- Mader (Principal)
Last week, the Year 2 & 3 students had a fun evening and sleepover. The students arrived with great excitement and ready for fun, fun, fun! The night began with a disco, where the students pulled out all the moves from the caterpillar to the sprinkler. After a good workout we made our way to kitchen to make and cook some pizzas. There were many pizzas that were unrecognisable under all that cheese, however, none lasted long out of the oven. Yum Yum! Once the dishes were done we made our way to the oval for a game of Capture the Spoon Spotlight. This game was a game of skill, tactic and being quiet (this our students struggled with). As the night drew to a close we put on a classic movie (Mary Poppins) and the children all started to drift off to sleep, except a few who fought the urge and stayed up way past Miss Coucom, Miss McKee and Cheryl’s bedtime.

A big sleep in the next morning? Well not really; 5 o’clock came and many students were up and ready for more. While Miss McKee and Miss Coucom wished for a sleep in, it didn’t seem possible. A new day brought more fun and enjoyment. With a scavenger hunt in the morning to test their brains it was great to see the students working together and solving riddles such as, “Miss Coucom came to school dressed as this.” What could it be? Don’t know? Well ask the students, because they sure did! Our Friday Fun day came to an end with watching the movie Dumbo (another classic) and a little popcorn. Over all, it was a fantastic, super, awesome, great time.

Thanks Miss Coucom and Miss McKee for organising such a great event.

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**LIBRARY NEWS**
The borrowing of books from the library has closed. Could students please have a good look at home or in your tidy tray at school, for any books and return them to the library. The annual stocktake will commence this week, so please help us by returning your books by the due date.

*Home reading* will continue for this week.

**UNIFORM SHOP**
If you have any second hand uniforms for sale/donate please price and name each item and bring into the Uniform Shop before end of school year. Sorry no size 10 shirts available.

Please put on your calendar (2014), that the Uniform Shop will be open on Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd January 2014 from 9:00am – 12noon.
Helping Our Children.

Helpful information from the HOC. (Head of Curriculum)

Learning to Swim: The fun and the serious side.

Swimming has always been one of my favourite activities since I was a child; many memories were formed swimming at the beach, Stony creek, Great Keppel or at a friend’s house. These were always fun filled days that helped pass the Christmas holidays and kept us all fit and healthy. Aside from the fun side of swimming there are many reasons and benefits of teaching your child to swim.

Reasons Swimming Skills are Critical for Your Child.

1. **Strengthening** - swimming requires your child to use all of their muscles, your child will become stronger while playing in the water.
2. **Coordination** - swimming requires a lot of coordination. As your child learns how to swim they are learning to coordinate multiple movements and body parts at the same time.
3. **Safety** - being able to negotiate the water safely is an extremely important skill. Being able to swim, tread water and float are the best ways to prepare your child for challenging and potentially unsafe water situations.
4. **Social Development** - living in a warm climate and close to the beach means that many of our social and leisure time activities are held near or involve the water and water sports. Teaching your child to swim as early as possible ensures they are able to safely participate with their friends and family during these social and fun times.

http://nspt4kids.com/therapy/the-importance-of-swimming-skills/

Kids Alive – Do The Five!

1. **Fence the pool**
2. **Shut the gate**
3. **Teach your kids to swim – it’s great**
4. **Supervise – watch your mate and**
5. **Learn how to resuscitate**

Gone Missing

It’s been brought to our attention that a student’s IPod has gone missing from the school last Friday. It has black sides with a sliver cover on the back. (which has the apple logo sticker on it.) The Police have been notified. Students who have ipods and have brought them to school, could you please check yours and make sure you didn't accidently pick it up instead of yours. Thank you.

Students of the Week Awards

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**Prep / Year 1**

- Congratulations on mastering all 300 Magic Words
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**CLUB RUGBY LEAGUE - 2014 Yeppoon Junior**

**Seagulls Sign On**


Any players (new and existing) who want to play club Rugby League in 2014 are invited to attend the Yeppoon Junior Rugby League sign on.

**WHEN**: Sunday 15th December 2013

**WHERE**: Webb Oval, Tanby Road, Yeppoon

**TIME**: 9am – 1pm

- Please be advised that all new players are required to provide a copy of their birth certificate.
- Registration Fees are $150 (discounts apply for multiple players)
- Existing players can register online now!

Contact Steph on 0447 395 175 or email yeppoonjrl@hotmail.com
The property is being offered for sale by public tender, closing 3.00pm on Thursday 05 December 2013. All Tenders are to be lodged in writing, in an envelope clearly marked:

“Confidential – Tender offer for mower

and submitted to the school either in person or by mail to:-
Farnborough State School 8 Hinz Avenue Farnborough 4703

The sale is for a Husqvarna Mower - Model ZTH6125KA. This mower is sold ‘as is’ condition and removal is the responsibility of the purchaser. Inspection is available each Monday and Wednesday from 7am-8am. Inspections outside of this time can be arranged by contacting the school office.

To comply with the conditions of the tender, interested parties must execute and deliver tender documents:

Please note:
• Tenders need to include the price offered and specify the date by which removal will occur
• A tender, once submitted, is irrevocable and will remain open for acceptance by the vendor until the Acceptance Date, being fourteen (14) days after the closing date of Tenders.
• Department of Education and Training reserve the right not to accept a tender
• Tenderers must disclose any links with departmental employees in their Submission.
• Terms of sale require 100% of the purchase price be paid upon acceptance by way of cheque or money transfer.
• No warranties are implied or given

For additional information please contact staff at the school office.