Dear Parents, Students and Staff

Plans are available at the Office if you would like to have a look at our new Hall renovation. As part of this upgrade a kitchen, storage room and open extension will be added and the hall will be lined with new flooring, stage and sound system installed, making this a much more user friendly facility. Thank you to the wonderful work of the P&C and all the parents who have assisted to get this project underway. WE DO NEED HELP HOWEVER TO CLEAR OUT THE HALL ready for work to start next week. From 7am on Thursday morning we will be moving chairs and other furniture from the Hall to the Science room and we need muscles big and small to help with this job. CAN YOU HELP EVEN FOR AN HOUR OR SO? See you this Thursday if you can spare a little time.

Congratulations Louis, Tahlia, Jay and Slater who competed in the CQ Golf competition recently. Louis was the 18 Hole runner up and will compete at the next level in Brisbane while Tahlia was the 9 Hole Net competition winner. Well done to all these talented golfers.

You can help our school win a set of 10 iPads by collecting daily tokens from The Morning Bulletin. Students can bring their tokens in to the Office until Monday 31 March when the promotion ends.

There are a number of cars parking in the Disabled Car Park on Hinz Avenue. This park is reserved only for those who have the appropriate tag attached to their vehicle. Please respect this signage and only park there if you have this tag.

Next Tuesday night 12 March our P&C AGM and March meeting will be held. For those who came along to our last meeting rest assured that the first meeting for the year is always a long one and we will definitely finish earlier next week. Please come along – we’d love to see you there.

Carol Butler-Mader (Principal)

OPTI-MINDS TIME IS COMING!

The Opti-MINDS Creative Sustainability Challenge caters for a diverse range of learners. It encompasses many elements of the Australian National Curriculum. The ability to be flexible in your thinking and to adapt to change; to harness that change to advantage; the ability to problem solve and overcome hurdles; the ability to collaborate and communicate effectively; and an empowered sense of self are all things that support and enhance resilience. These are all essential elements in the process of the Opti-MINDS Challenge.

Each year our school participates in Opti-minds competition in Rockhampton. In recent years three of our teams have won the regional competition and gone on to compete in Brisbane. These have been wonderful experiences for the students and adults involved. Students from Year 6 and 7 compete in teams of 6 to 8 students. Each team has 6 weeks to prepare their solution to the OPTI MINDS challenge. To make this possible each team requires an adult to assist them in developing their solutions and presentation of the challenge.

We are looking for parents who are interested in acting as facilitators for our teams this year. Being a facilitator is a fun and rewarding experience.

Any parents who are interested, or would like to hear more about this great opportunity please contact Mrs Butler or myself.

Ellen Clayton
Helping Our Children.
Helpful information from the HOC. (Head of Curriculum)

THE READING PARENT
You may have tangible wealth untold, Caskets of jewels and coffers of gold. Richer than I you can never be, I had a Parent who read to me.

The Reading Bug- helping your child catch it!

Reading aloud to your children helps to motivate them to become readers themselves. Even after children learn to read by themselves, it's still important for you to read aloud together. By reading stories that are on their interest level, but beyond their reading level, you can stretch young readers' understanding and motivate them to their skills.

The more time you spend reading with and to your children the more you will assist them in developing the skills and tools they need to succeed in life. You are giving the opportunity to access information through print.

Set your family a challenge and see how many books you can share this week.

Parent Information Session
WORDS THEIR WAY
Come along and learn all about our Words Their Way spelling program. We will be demonstrating how the program works and how you can help your children with spelling and in the classroom. Wednesday 5th March 9 -10am in the Resource Centre.

GREEN CLUB NEWS
Hello all Green clubbers and parents. GREEN CLUB will be on this week from 3-4. Hooray! We will be looking at some basic pruning of citrus. We shall be going out to the orchard. Also there will be some seed planting and chook care.

Remember that all students need a supervising adult (especially with secateurs) and that every age is welcome.

ALSO !! Does anyone out there have any arc mesh. We have to set up beds ready for peas, and it would be good to have a stable growing trellis!

Thanks Pam

Students of the Week Awards

Prep M
Larne W for fantastic work in learning his sounds..
Grace S for being a kind and helpful classmate.

Prep B
Oliver V for being a caring friend.
Trinity R for being a good listener.

Year 1O
Theo T for great understanding of words and meaning.
Ava K for lending a helping hand.
Reagan B for trying to do his best listening in class

Year 1LM
Nate B for his ability to get along with others.
Hunter L for displaying very good work habits.

Year 2
Will M for being well focussed and on task during class.
Mason C for being well focussed and on task during class.
Jayden G for being a friendly and helpful member of our class.
Paige W for presenting neat homework

Year 2 and 3
Ella S for great reading and using her strategies well.
Eli H for fantastic writing.
Jess P for trying hard and improving in her writing sensational sentences and perfect paragraphs
Tahlia T for great work when writing sensational sentences and perfect Paragraphs.

Year 4 and 5
Ainsley M for excellent attitude to learning
Sara S for being organised and prepared for all lessons.
Indiana J for perseverance and hard work in reading.
Harry T for having an excellent attitude towards learning.
Amelia S for having a neat bookwork and setting out.
Samantha C for having a excellent start to the school year and for being organised and ready for all lessons.

P&C News
Hall Refurbishment
With our hall refurbishment starting next Monday we are looking for some strong volunteers to help move the contents of the hall to the science lab. This will be happening Thursday morning from 7am. The more helpers we have the quicker we will get it done.
**Farnborough Fair**
This year the Farnborough Fair will be held on Sunday 27th July so please mark this date on your calendars.

Our **Fair Meeting** is on this **Friday March 7th in the staff room at 9am**

If you are new to the school this is a great opportunity to get involved. The Fair is lots of fun to organise and be involved in.

Our meetings will be light hearted and certainly involve coffee, tea, food and lots of laughs so come along.

We welcome all new ideas that might help make our Fair a big success in 2014.

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**Farnborough School Annual General Meeting**
In accordance with Part 17 of the Association’s constitution, **notice is given** of the 2014 **Annual General Meeting** of Farnborough State School Parents and Citizens Association.

The meeting will be held in the Administration Building at **6.30pm on Tuesday 11th March 2014**. A copy of the agenda for the AGM and first General Committee Meeting is available to view at the school office. Nominations for all executive positions will be declared open including President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. You must be a member of the P&C to cast your vote. Membership forms are available from the school office. Are you looking for ways to get involved at the school?

Everybody is welcome to attend the meetings, which serve as an important opportunity to discuss issues of mutual interest and extend the communication between the parent body and the school.

It is a formal mechanism for parents, carers, staff and students to participate in school decision making.

If you have ideas to help raise funds for our school or make general improvements then please come along and share them with us. P&C can be contacted at pandc@farnboross.eq.edu.au

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**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**
The school uniform shop has advised us that the price of the school hats have gone up to $7.00 each.

**BOOKCLUB:** Catalogues will be handed out this week. Please have order forms and payments into office by Friday 14th of March. If purchasing gifts, please write “GIFT” clearly on the order form along with a contact phone number. These orders can be collected at the office, all other orders will be handed out to the students. Orders are usually back 7 – 10 days after the due date. As this is my last year at the school, anyone willing to learn the role and continue on as bookclub co-ordinator or if you have any questions please contact me on 0439758163. For parents new to the school, the school receives free books and resources from Scholastic, 20% of all purchases. So your support is greatly appreciated.

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**Worlds Greatest Shave Event**
Jan, Tom, Laura and Eliza Wood are shaving/colouring for a cure on Saturday 8th March 2014 at The Yeppoon Surf Lifesaving Club, Anzac Parade Yeppoon. We are having an afternoon tea, live music and raffles starting at 2pm. Tom and I are shaving, Laura and Eliza are colouring. Hope you can all come along for a fun afternoon. Contact Jan Wood on 0431356562 for bookings or more information.

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**ROAD SAFETY WEEK 17–23 MARCH 2014**
Capricornia Police in conjunction with the Department of Transport and Emergency Services are hosting a Road Safety Week commencing March 17 and concluding with an Expo at the Rockhampton Heritage Village on March 23.

Road Safety Week has been developed to reinforce safety messages to all road users. As you are aware, children’s perceptions of the need to obey road rules and avoid high risk behaviours are greatly influenced by the examples given by adult drivers, particularly their parents. By emphasising the main causes of fatal traffic accidents and educating children on these topics, it is anticipated a reduction in fatal incidents will occur when these children are old enough to drive on the road.

During the past five years the Central Region has averaged around 100 deaths a year as a consequence of traffic crashes. Most of those deaths could have been prevented!
ICAS Competitions and Assessments.
Each year Farnborough State School offers our students from Years 4 to 7 the opportunity to participate in Australian and International Competitions and Assessments. These competitions provide an opportunity for all students in Years 4 to 7 to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation. It provides teachers, parents and students with comprehensive reporting of results in the areas of Computer Skills, English, Mathematics and Science.

All students receive a certificate and an individual student report indicating which questions they answered correctly and their score compared with the rest of the students tested. The tests are an excellent preparation for national tests and the student report is useful for highlighting your child’s strengths and weaknesses. The certificate and individual student report are also suitable for your child to include in a portfolio.

PERMISSION SLIP
Please return THIS section with payment to the School Office by Wednesday 12 March.

I give permission for my child        of

Child’s name       Class

to participate in the following 2014 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS):

☐ Science – 4 June 2014 ($8.00 per student)    ☐ English – 29 July 2014 ($8.00 per student)
☐ Mathematics – 12 August 2014 ($8.00 per student)

Name of Parent/Guardian       Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

If you have any queries regarding these competitions please don’t hesitate to contact me.
Ellen Clayton (Acting Head of Curriculum.)

THE CAVES SHOW
Sun 27th April
Featuring Guy McLean – World Champion Horseman
What can you show?
Handcrafts, Animals, Art, Photography, Vegetables, Produce
Or even have your own stall.
For more information please check out our website: www.thecavesprogress.org.au
Or you can phone David on 49342141.

THE CAPRICORN COAST FOOTBALL CLUB
Soccer Sign On 2014
The Capricorn Coast Football Club welcomes new and past players to the 2014 season.
Registration for 2014 is now open online at www.myfootballclub.com.au
Information & Sign On for Under 5’s – Under 11’s is also available: When: Saturday’s 15th and 22nd March 8 am – 12 pm
The 22nd March will also be a come and try day. Where: Clubhouse - Apex Park, 37 Cordingly Street, Yeppoon
To register for Under 12's to Seniors please register online at www.myfootballclub.com.au or call 0400024020
Junior (u5-u11) Start date is the 29th March. Senior (u12-Seniors) Start early March. www.capricorncoastfc.sportingpulse.net
INTERHOUSE ELECTIONS
Our Yr 6 and Yr 7 students are busy preparing speeches and making posters for their campaign. This year with a double cohort of “seniors”, voting students will elect 3 boys and 3 girls who will be members of the “SPORT LEADERSHIP TEAM”. The Interhouse elections will be taking place during sport (2pm -3pm) on Friday Week 7 (March 14th) with the presentation of badges taking place on Parade in Week 8 (March 20th).

YR 6 & 7 CAMP
A note was sent home last week with all students in Year 6 & 7. Please ensure the tear off section is returned by the end of this week (or before!) so we can begin organising this camp. We need numbers of students attending before we start working on all arrangements. Any parent who did not receive the note please check with your child’s classroom teacher or the office.

CROSS COUNTRY –FUN RUN
This event will take place on Thursday April 3rd commencing at 9.00am and concluding by 11.00am. Presentations of medallions and the Interhouse trophy will take place at 2.30pm during the parade time. This year we are trialling a different programme to ensure the students are not out of their classes for too long. At this stage a course has not been finalised as we are expecting the hall and the surrounding area to be out of use. The morning is going to be divided into three(3) major events:

2. Cross Country Races for our Junior Runners -8yrs (born 2006) through to 5yrs (born 2009) –all 1km-graded points- medallions for 1st/2nd/3rd per age group.
3. FUN RUN/JOG for everyone else who has not yet competed in an event –all 1km – ALL 20 points per athlete counted up at start of “race”.

Parents and supporters of the respective House Teams are most welcome to run/jog with their child/ren to gain extra points for the child’s house team. All students are encouraged to wear their House Team colours. Enclosed shoes (sandshoes/joggers) must be worn by all students. Hats and water bottles are also required. All participants will receive an icy pole on completion of their event.

Finally as this is a Fundraiser for the P&C, sponsorship forms will be distributed soon. Forms are to be be returned either after the event or by the first week after the Easter Break. Incentive prizes will be ordered after the Easter break.

RIDE TO SCHOOL WEEK 8 –(March 17-March 21)-or thereabouts!
This year we have registered for this particular programme BUT we are putting a different twist to it! Due to our UNSAFE CYCLE PATHWAYS (or lack of them in many parts to our school) we are encouraging students and parents to be EXTRA PHYSICALLY ACTIVE during this week. Our suggestion is that you “record or estimate” the distance from home to school and return, then set yourself a challenge to complete this distance (or further) over a safe course and at a time which suits you as a family! Perhaps safer pathways to consider are –The newly opened RAIL TRAIL (from middle town to Rocky Rd) or the Main Beachfront Walkway. As a school we are going to “record” the total distance that the students or their family has walked/rode/pushed/pedalled etc. and this will be displayed in a prominent place. We do have a group of students riding their horses to school on Wednesday March 19th and they are getting very excited about this experience. If you would like to be involved in this programme please complete the tear off section below and return to the office AFTER the event.
Have an active healthy and hopefully wet week-(good for our track!) Margie

2014 RIDE TO SCHOOL WEEK --FOLLOW UP INFORMATION
• I/WE WEREINVOLVED IN THE EXTRA PHYSICAL ACTIVITY DURING WEEK 8.
• I/WE TRAVELLED ............... KMS TOTAL FOR THE WEEK.(ESTIMATE)
• I/WE TRAVELLED –HOW ---- BIKE SKATEBOARD SCOOTER WALK HORSE OTHER.............
  (Please circle mode of movement)

Signed .................................. Family Names/Members involved.................................................................