Dear Parents, Students and Staff

Our Year 2 class travelled into Yeppoon this week to explore and learn more about our town. As part of their history unit, the students compared old and new landmarks and looked at historical and current use of buildings. The day was capped off by a visit to the Mill Gallery and lunch at the park. Thank you to Mrs Orgill and to the parents who helped out. The students had a great day and learned lots.

There have been reports from other schools about a driver in an older white van attempting to make contact with children. Please be aware of not only your own children, but keep an eye out for others during drop off and pick up times. This is also a good time for a family discussion on safety and what to do in this type of situation.

This morning there were lots of smiles as our 2014 preps participated in lots of fun and activity. It seems that they all can’t wait to be part of the Farnborough Family.

Carol Butler-Mader  (Principal)
DATE CLAIMER

NOVEMBER
9th  Art Show / BBQ / Cake Stall / Voting

DECEMBER
3rd  Year 4 – 7’s  Swimming Carnival
5th  Prep – Year 3  Swimming Carnival
5th  Year 6  LOTE Excursion @ Mercure Resort
9th  Year 7  Graduation Night
11th Christmas Concert
12th Year 7  LOTE Excursion @ Mercure Resort
13th Last Day for 2013 - Clean-up Day

Helping Our Children.

Helpful information from the HOC. (Head of Curriculum)

Spelling at Farnborough State School- Words Their Way.
Learning to spell is a fundamental skill that many students struggle with given the complexities of English spelling.
This poem clearly illustrates some of issues we have when learning to spell.

Brush Up Your English
I take it that you already know
Of tough and bough and cough and dough?
Others may stumble, but not you,
On hiccough, thorough, tough, though and through.
Well done! And now you wish perhaps
To learn of less familiar traps?
Beware of heard, a dreadful word
That looks like beard and sounds like bird.
And dead: it’s said like bed not bead -
For goodness sake don’t call it deed.
Watch out for meat and great and threat
A moth is not a moth in mother
nor both in bother; broth in brother.
And here is not a match for there,
Nor dear and fear for bear and pear.
And then there’s dose and rose and lose -
Just look them up - and goose and choose.
(They rhyme with suite and straight and debt)
And core and work and card and ward,
And font and front and word and sword.
And do and go and thwart and cart -
Come, come, I’ve hardly made a start!
A dreadful language? Man alive,
I’d mastered it when I was five. (Anon)

Given these complexities when learning to spell at Farnborough we have implemented the Words Their Way spelling program. Words Their Way encourages active exploration & examination of word features that are within a student’s stage of literacy development. This active, thoughtful practice helps students internalise word features & become automatic in using what they have learned.
This learning is supported by the students completing ‘word sorts’ where the students physically sort the words into categories depending on their sounds, features or origins.
These sorts offer the opportunities for hands-on, developmentally appropriate word work which leads to a greater understanding of our spelling system. Students look at the regularities, patterns, and conventions of English spelling. We often discuss these as features. This program is heavily supported by the latest research in spelling and has been adopted by many schools all over Australia. Our implementation of this program has made spelling a priority in all our classrooms.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about our spelling program, please feel free to contact me.

Ellen Clayton, Head of Curriculum.

**TUCKSHOP**

Firstly I would like to say thanks to the parents who order their child's lunch from the tuckshop, however to keep this service going, we need more helpers. Tuckshop is not hard and we need more volunteers, parents or grandparents, who are willing to help for 2 1/2 hours from 9am till 11:30am. If we don't get help we may have to reduce the days or close the tuckshop. This would be a shame as the tuckshop is a great service for families in providing nutritious meals at a reasonable cost. Please we have 6 weeks left; can you help for any days in this time?

*Regards Stacey*

**Students of the Week Awards**

**Prep / Year 1**

- Chloe B  - Congratulations on mastering the 2nd 100 magic words.
- Lilee O'C  - Congratulations on mastering 100 magic words.
- Grace McA  - For Fantastic writing.

**Year 2**

- Cady P  - For a super job learning her number facts
- Tyson J  - For great work on his number facts
- Zac C  - For great reading

**Year 2 / 3**

- Ella M  - For wonderful effort in history
- Jacob L  - For hard work in swimming.

**HPE NEWS**

We still have 2 pair of unclaimed earrings left at the office from swimming.

**GARDENING NEWS**

Everyone who comes into the garden is amazed at how quickly the corn has grown. It was planted about seven weeks ago and is already taller than most of the students. It has also begun flowering, and we are hoping for some cobs before the end of term. The beans will be ready to eat in a couple of weeks.

**Green Club this week Wednesday 3 – 4pm.** We will be planting out the rest of our seedlings and potting up some more. The little bit of rain we've had recently has been a welcome respite for gardeners and farmers alike. Fingers crossed we get a bit more over the coming weeks.
Please contact me if you are keen to foster some chooks over the Christmas holidays? I am keen for them to have all gone on their ‘vacation’ by the end of November. Phone me on 0400 681 442/4930 2390 if you are interested.

**Kathy King**

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**P & C ELECTION DAY CAKE STALL - 9th November 2013**

P & C are holding a cake stall on Election Day. If anyone would like to bake some homemade cakes, slices, biscuits or chocolate crackles would be greatly appreciated. **Please note:** A list of ingredients used, has to be labelled on top of each baked item. We are also looking for volunteers on the day to help run the cake stall. We need help as we only have two people who have volunteered so far. All money raised benefits our school and your children. Please phone Fiona on 0403387241 for more details.

**Calling Year 7 Parents to help with the BBQ on voting day.**

This is a Year 7 Legacy Fundraiser to raise funds to leave the school with a legacy gift. Help is needed with set up, cooking and serving on the day. We will be selling sausage on bread, bacon and egg rolls and soft drinks. Parents only need to work for 1 hour. The stall starts at 7am- 1pm, so we desperately need at least 12 parents for the day. The Year 7 students are able to serve but not cook. Please phone Fiona on 0403387241. **Thank you**

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**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Dayne who recently competed in the Shotokan National Championships in Canberra and came home with a bronze medal. Dayne is currently training with the hope of getting into the squad to compete for Australia in Venezuela in 2015. He has lots of hard work to do but is off to a good start – well done Dayne!