Dear Parents, Students and Staff

Yesterday State School teachers from across the Coast attended a day of Professional development, centred around the teaching of reading and writing. Presentations included keynote speakers from the Queensland Studies Association and author Christine Bongers. Teachers also attended workshops on Guided Reading, teaching vocabulary, comprehension strategies and using digital texts. Professional development such as this helps our teachers to continue to develop quality programs for students.

A number of our teachers also recently completed an on-line course to broaden their knowledge on addressing dyslexia and reading difficulties. Ellen Clayton, Ellen Taylor, Raelene Shearer, Linda Orgill and I participated in meetings and covered a number of readings and assessments over the past two months to complete this course. Linda is also currently offering this course for teachers from other schools.

An Enrolment Management Plan (EMP) has been enacted for Farnborough State School. This is to maintain current enrolment numbers, with the benefit of ensuring that the school maintains its existing small school environment. Students who live in the catchment area will be automatically eligible for enrolment, as will students with siblings already attending the school. Details of the catchment area can be found at the following link – http://statistics.oesr.qld.gov.au/reverse-proxy/schools/catchment/catchmentmaps/

Students from outside the school’s catchment area applying for enrolment will be placed on a waiting list until there are places available. At this stage there will be no new enrolments from Years 1 to 7, however there is a number of spaces for Prep enrolments. To assist us to manage enrolment numbers can you please let us know as soon as possible if your child/ren will not be attending Farnborough next year.

Congratulations to Shawn who was awarded 2 silver medals at the State Athletics Competition. Shawn and his family travelled to Brisbane for the competition and he received 2nd place in both shotput and discuss.

Carol Butler-Mader (Principal)
**Students of the Week Awards**

**PREP**
- Willow B for mastering Magic 100 Words
- Nate B for fabulous reading!
- Mia W for working so well on her Magic Words.

**Prep / Year 1**
- Liam K for great progress in reading.
- Lara McC for great progress in reading.
- Grace McA for welcoming to Farnborough.
- Callum H for competing 2nd Magic 100 words.
- Kaius F-S for working hard in Words their Way.
- Christian G for receiving a Bucket Filler award for helping others.

**Year 1**
- Montana W for great listening skills
- Jett L for making very pleasing progress with sight words.
- Paige W for neat and careful book work.

**Year 2**
- Dylan B for showing good listening skills and being well organised after swimming.
- Jasmaine McL for showing an enthusiastic attitude towards learning.

**Year 2/3**
- Ashlynn-Rose McB for being a kind and caring classmate.

**Year 4**
- Dakota B for always helping her peers in and out of the classroom.
- Ainslie W for always being organised for classroom work and activities
- Laryssa.L for writing a fantastic story
- Kylan.T. for Excellent work ethic in the garden
- Thomas.F for Excellent work ethic in the garden
- William.B for Excellent work ethic in the garden

**Year 4 / 5**
- Hudson P for Fantastic work in Reading groups.
- Kate B for Great work in reading groups.

**DATE CLAIMER**

**OCTOBER**
- **25th** REC Activities R1 commence

**NOVEMBER**
- **5th** ARTSLINK Performance “Manic Music Makers”
- **9th** Art Show (Voting Day)

**LIBRARY HELP WANTED:**

**Books**
We are excited to say that we have recently purchased some new home readers for our students.
To assist us in getting them into circulation as quickly as possible we require some assistance in covering these books. This can be done at school or at home if that suits any parents. Drop into the library if you can help and see Ellen or Cheryl and we can give you all the materials you need.
We have some new additions to our wonderful spelling program and require helpers to get our new resources up and running. If you have a spare 30 mins or more, drop into the library and see Ellen. This job can be done at home as well if that suits parents better. Thanks so much, many hands make light work and all our students benefit.

Ellen Clayton

CONGRATULATIONS
To Shawn O’T who last week attended the Queensland Track & Field Titles and was placed second(2nd) in the 11 yrs. boys AWD F20 Discus and Shotput events. Shawn brought home silver medallions and proudly displayed these to us all on parade last Friday.

SWIMMING
All students have now commenced their 7 week Aquatics programme. Thank you to the parents who came along last week to assist. We encourage this involvement from all and whenever you are able to do so. Please feel free to “jump in” to help whenever time permits!

BEACH ACTIVITIES
Our Yr 7’s enjoyed a half day on the Main Beach last Friday socialising with other students across the coast whilst being involved in many of the recreational pursuits our coast has to offer. Life is Tough!

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES –ROUND 1
On Friday our students in Years Prep to 6 will be participating in the first round of Recreational Activities. This rotation will go for 3 weeks and then the students will be completing their preference form for the second round. Some students from Years 5 & 6 have chosen the SPORT EXCHANGE with St Benedict’s. A parent permission note will be sent home with this activity and must be completed and returned ASAP. At this stage I have not fully compiled the second round list of activities as there may be another parent (or extended family member) who may like to be involved in Round 2. If you are interested in being involved please speak to any of our staff members (Teachers/Teacher Aides/Office Ladies) who will be able to explain the concept of REC ACTIVITIES. Round 2 preference forms will be distributed to class teachers in 2 weeks’ time.

DRESS RED/JUMP OFF DAY
Thank you to everyone who supported this day. We raised nearly $300.00 for The Heart Foundation.

THANKS
-To Goughy (Darryl Gough) who recently repaired and revamped a piece of our Perceptual Motor Programme equipment. This facelift has given the equipment another 10 years of use!
-To everyone who has congratulated or commented on the school Facebook site after my very recent exciting NRL win. I feel very honoured and proud to have been the recipient of this award. My footy mentor-Granty (my husband for those who haven’t yet met him) and I are off to a Pullman Resort (top notch!) for 4 nights. We most likely will head to Melbourne and take in not only an NRL game but an AFL game! Only downside it will no doubt be in winter!

AQUATHON TRAINING
Run Swim Run training at YSS Pool, each Tuesday 7:00am – 7:45am with Margie and Mrs A for any students born 2003, 2002 interested in trialling at Cap Level. Please speak to Margie (or Rhonda in office) for paperwork handout.

HAVE AN ACTIVE HEALTHY WEEK, Margie
BOOK FAIR ORDERS - REMINDER
Please have orders in to the office by Friday 25th October. If ordering items as gifts, please clearly write on the order form the word “GIFT” and a contact phone number. These items will be left at the office for you to collect, all other orders are handed out to the students. There will be one more book club issue before the end of this term.

Thanks Del.

GARDEN NEWS
Thank you to the super helpers in the garden last week. Many seeds were potted up so we should have a large number of seedlings to plant out in a few weeks. We also managed to resurrect a couple of ‘tired’ scarecrows; welcome Peter & Petunia Pumkineeter to FSS. There are still two more to re-dress. Please could you drop in any old pants/long-sleeved shirts that might be spare at your house.

Green Club this week Wednesday 3 – 4pm.
We are going to be working in the orchard. Please bring along secateurs or larger ‘lopers’ if you have any. Over the next few weeks we are also going to be fixing up the frog pond. If you might have some water plants or guppies at home that you would be happy to relocate to the AK Garden, please could you phone me to arrange pick-up/delivery (0400 681 442/4930 2390).

I am still looking for people who would be willing to look after the chooks on the weekends until the end of the year. This involves letting them out of their yard at around 8 – 9am; and shutting them in/feeding them at around 4 – 5 pm. If you are able to do even one timeslot over a weekend I would love to hear from you.

Kathy King

Community News
St Benedict’s School Twilight Christmas Markets
St Benedict’s School is holding a Twilight Christmas Market on Friday 8th November at their school. There will be rides, stalls, ham wheel, food, bar, raffles and entertainment. The night will start at 5:30pm until late. Pre- Purchased armbands for Fun Time Amusement Rides can be purchased from the school office for $22.00 or $25.00 on the night. Plotto Lotto Tickets are available for purchase for $100- Cash Prize of $5000 for the lucky square. For further enquires contact Tanya Lambley on 0429822132 or the school office on 49 30 27 44. Great family night with fun to be had by all.

Rotary Yeppoon “Bag o’ Books” Book Fair
The Rotary Club of Yeppoon is holding another Giant Book Fair on 9-10 November 2013. Titled a “Bag o’ Books”, the Fair will be held at the Emu Park Community Hall, Hill Street, from 8.00am – 4.00pm each day.

Bargain hunters have the opportunity to fill a grocery shopping bag with books for only $5.00. There will also be several spontaneous price reductions each day; this is a final CLEARANCE SALE!

As well, a multi-draw raffle will help raise funds to restore the Emu Park School of Arts within the Historical Museum precinct.

Contact: Nea Stewart-Dore, colnea@byterocky.net.au; 49396076

LOST
Little pink satin handbag with “Lalaloopsie” doll and pony inside. Reward for finder!