Dear Parents, Students and Staff

Once again the Farnborough spirit shines through. After the torrential rain of the past week our poor school was left bedraggled. While there was only minimal damage to classrooms, the grounds were scattered with leaves, branches and other debris.

After a Facebook notification a working bee was held on Sunday with around 60 volunteers including parents and staff members and their families. Thank you so much to everyone who turned up to shovel, rake and hose; you did a magnificent job to get our school ready for today. Thank you also to the Cooberrie Fire Brigade who turned up to help hose the mud away with special thanks to Peter Lehmann and Wayne Scott for their time. If you were unaware of the working bee please consider liking Farnborough State School on Facebook so you can stay in touch.

There was also some work done on the holidays with our purple and yellow tractor a new addition to the playground. Thank you to Tom Butler and Eddie McKee for putting this together; it’s sure to guarantee hours of fun for our students. Thanks to others who have helped over the holidays – from those who painted classrooms to Kris and Sue who covered a mountain of new reading books that arrived.

We have started the year with 11 classes and while we are unlikely to form another class, there may be a need for some student movement, particularly from years 3-7 depending on new enrolments.

We welcome new staff members, Jill Hunter who will continue to deliver Japanese but also teach Year 6/7 class on Fridays, Linda Orgill who will teach Year 2 on Monday and Tuesdays and Kris Smith joins our teacher aide crew for term 1.

The classes are:
Prep Patrice Scharf
Prep/Year 1 Tracey Mills
Year 1/2 Naomi Morris (MTW)/ Diane Loxton(TF)
Year 2 Linda Orgill (MT)/ Kylie Bean (WTF)
Year 2/3 Emma McKee and Emma Coucom
Year 4 Sharon Forrest
Year 4/5 Alma Morgan
Year 5/6 Rick Parker
Year 6/7 Shayne Harris/Jill Hunter (Friday) and Gail Goltz

We also have Pam Purton working in the garden and teaching Performing Arts with Margie Grant returning as our HPE teacher. Ellen Clayton continues her work as Head of Curriculum and Learning Support. Amanda McLardy will join us later this term in the Kitchen.

Carol Butler-Mader (Principal)

Do you want up-to-the-minute news on what’s happening at Farnborough State School? It’s easy – just search Farnborough State School on Facebook and click ‘like’
**UNIFORM SHOP**
The Uniform Shop will be open in the morning from 8:30am – 9:15am all this week. Then back to normal from next week.

**DATE CLAIMER**

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**GARDEN NEWS**
All back to “normal” next week! Please could we have all chooks back NEXT WEEK as we are preparing the shed. Anyone who would like to weed Bed 6 – Fantastic!

**PERFORMANCES throughout 2013.**
Throughout this year we have booked at least one live performance each term. Each ARTSLINK (formerly Arts Council) performance costs $6 per child, or $15 for three or more family members. We have a great line up of acts.

The first ARTSLINK event will be an applied theatre presentation concerning endangered animals. In term one, we also have a return visit from Michael Salmon, who is a writer and illustrator and an inspirational performer. The combined cost of these events will be $11.

We have a whole year of entertainment ahead. Hip hop, puppetry and in term 4 a musical adventure.

All students are encouraged to attend these amazing opportunities for furthering their creative experiences. As the Minister for education said in 2012 “Creating a culture of creativity and innovation in our schools, cultivates the well-rounded citizens of tomorrow”

**Newsletters by Email**
Parents who received a hard copy last year and now wish to receive the newsletter by email (also to new parents) please let the ladies know at the office. For today we have sent a copy home with every child but from next week we will commence emailing.

**ORAL HEALTH SERVICES**
Students received a Dental Form today, please complete and return to the office as soon as possible. Even though it states 22nd Feb to return the form, the ladies at the clinic wish to commence Oral Health checks from next week. Please note – the offer does close on the 27th February.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Bluebirds United Football Club Junior & Senior Sign-on for Football (Soccer).**
Boys and Girls and new players welcome  
**Date:** 10 February 2013  
**Time:** 9am – 1pm  
**Where:** Bluebirds Sports Club, Richardson Road, North Rockhampton  
For more information or questions please contact Simon Ross (President) on 0419793581 or visit our website: www.bluebirds.com.au or email us on admin@bluebirdsufc.com.au

**Karate at Yeppoon**  
- Tuesdays: 4 to 5pm & Thursdays: 5 to 6pm  
**St Ursula’s College, Queen St**

**Karate at Emu Park**  
- Wednesday: 4 to 5pm  
**Emu Park Town Hall & Friday: 4 to 5 Emu Park State School**

**Frenchville Scorpions Softball Signon - Sunday 3 February 2013 1pm-4pm**
We are looking for players to fill positions in under 15 (mixed), under 17 (mixed), B ladies, A reserve ladies, A ladies and Men’s competitions. Come along and give it a try - what have you got to lose. We are a family friendly club with quality accredited coaches. Supported by the Frenchville Sports Club with discounted junior registration fees available.  
Want more information …. please call Kylie Crouch 0437 060 212; Selena Lennon 0458 169 003 or email frenchville.softball@gmail.com

**SEA-Q Boardriders**  
- SeaQ Boardriders are hold holding their annual sign-on this Sunday the 3rd of February at Big-Dune Farnborough beach. Committee members will be on hand from 8.30am – 12.30pm to assist people with the new online process. There will be a sausages on bread, burgers and softdrinks for sale.  
The club offers divisions in both male and female from under12’s all the way to over fifties. SEA-Q boardriders hold monthly competitions with an emphasis participation and fun. This year Adam Bellot has taken on the new role of development officer focusing on helping younger members develop their skills and surf awareness.  
So if you’re looking for some fun in the sun or you just want to be a part of a great community club then come on down to the Big-dune Farnborough beach this Sunday and get involved with SeaQ Boardriders.