FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

Yesterday the second meeting of the School Promotions Committee was held. Staff, parent and student representatives will cooperatively develop a Promotion Plan for Farmborough Road P.S. The next meeting will be held on 25th February at 3:15pm in the staffroom and parents are welcome to come along and work together to promote the positive aspects of our great school.

Today the Swimming Carnival was held at Berkeley Pool, following the Unanderra pool being unavailable last Friday. Congratulations to all of those students who took part and well done to those who will represent Farmborough Road at the Dapto District Carnival next Friday. Thanks to Mr Richardson, Ms Suey, parents and some Year 6 students who helped out. Your support is appreciated.

Tomorrow 5/6S will be involved in a photography workshop, conducted by a professional photographer on behalf of the Moran Arts Foundation. Students in 5/6S will be taught how to set up, take and print their digital photos. All students will have the use of their own digital camera to work with for the day while learning in a creative environment. The photography workshop program is part of the Moran Contemporary Photographic Prize and is provided by the Moran Arts Foundation in conjunction with workshop sponsors Commonwealth Bank and PriceWaterhouseCoopers. The workshop is offered free of charge to the participating school group and is to encourage photography skills with primary school aged students. I’m sure they will have a great day and I look forward to seeing their work. Thanks to Ms Suey for organizing the day.

Last Friday you received information about the Twilight Family Night being organised by the P&C. It will be held on Friday 1st March commencing at 6pm and I hope to see all of our families there.

Dale Green
Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

ATTENDANCE AWARD

Regular school attendance is important for all students and is regularly monitored by the Home School Liaison Officer. At Farmborough Road P.S we recognise students and classes with excellent attendance in a variety of ways, one of which is the weekly Class Attendance Award. Congratulations to K/1FW who had 98.1% attendance last week. An Attendance Action Plan was developed last year and we are aiming to increase student attendance rates this year. I hope all parents will ensure their children attend school EVERY day.

BOOK CLUB

Welcome to Book Club for 2013. Scholastic Book Clubs are offered to all classes. Brochures are usually handed out to students on a Monday.

Orders are collected in the Library each morning of that week. FRIDAY IS THE LAST DAY FOR ORDERS.

Your support of Book Club also helps the school, through the receipt of bonus books and teaching resources for the Library.

If you have any questions about Book Club please come and see Miss Allsopp or myself in the Library.

Elizabeth Claydon
Book Club Organiser

P&C NEWS

Dear Parents / Carers

Hopefully, last week, you all received an invitation to our ‘Family Twilight Night’, to be held on Friday 1st March. The family night is a great opportunity to get together as a whole school community to welcome all of our new families to the school and catch up with friends, make new friends and meet the wonderful teachers we have at our school. We hope everyone can come along, and enjoy the activities we have planned. Please let the office know if you haven’t received your invitation and order form for stars. If you would like to join in on the night, please have your order forms and money back at school by 28th February. I hope to see you all there.

Next Tuesday, 19th February, we will be holding our first P&C Meeting for this year. The meeting takes place in the staff room and starts at 7pm. All parents and carers are welcome to attend. The meeting is a great opportunity to meet others and find out what is going on with the school and all the activities the P&C run through the year. The meeting is a great opportunity to meet others and find out what is going on with the school and all the activities the P&C run through the year. We would love to see you next Tuesday.

Please don’t forget the canteen is currently only open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, so be sure to pack lunches Monday and Thursday. Please let the office know if you would like to volunteer in the canteen, even if you can only spare a few hours of a morning, we appreciate any help you can give. All training is provided.

I hope everyone enjoys their first week back. Stay safe.

Rachael Joyce
P&C President
**STUDENT QUIZ**

Who was the first person to sail around the world single handedly?

Last week’s winner ~ Zeahna O’Connor

Answer to last week’s question ~ Liquefaction is caused by earthquakes shaking up moist soil and earth

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**BIRTHDAYS**

Congratulations to the following children who celebrated their birthday.

Shareece Bannon ~ 13.2

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**WOLLONGONG HIGH SCHOOL OF THE PERFORMING ARTS**

Expo Evening
Thursday 28th February
5.30-7pm

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**CARESOUTH COMMUNITY PHOTO SHOOT**

Saturday 16th February
From 10am onwards
Wollongong Studio
To register contact Caroline Jones on 1300554260.

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**DAPTO NETBALL CLUB**

Dapto Netball Club is taking registrations for the 2013 Netball season. For more information or prices, call Jackie on 0430 479 883, Nichole on 0407 177 252 or Susan on 0405 819 590, or go to our website www.daptonetball.com.au.

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**FIGTREE AFC**

Figtree AFC is holding their 2nd registration day on Sunday 10th February from 11.00am-1.00pm at Figtree Oval. For more information contact Marcia Murphy on 4223 7745.

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**WESTS ILLAWARRA HOCKEY CLUB**

Wests Illawarra Hockey Club will be holding their Registration at the Illawarra Credit Union Hockey Stadium on Tuesday 26th February from 5.00pm-7.00pm. For more information contact David on 0437 578 963. All enquiries address to juniors@westsillawarrahockey.com.au or go to their website www.westslillawarrahockey.com.au.

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**WOLLONGONG MANDARIN CHINESE SCHOOL**

Wollongong Mandarin Chinese School has been teaching Chinese in the Illawarra for the last 18 years. The classes are delivered in Mandarin Chinese and simplified characters. If anybody is interested in learning Chinese, please contact Yvonne Chen on 0416 881 620. Class Time is Friday afternoon 3.30pm-5.30pm at Smith’s Hill High School.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

19.2
P&C Meeting ~ 7.00pm in Staffroom

20.2
Dragon’s Blitz ~ 12.25pm

22.2
District Swimming Carnival ~ Dapto Pool

1.3
Teddy Bear (Buddy) Picnic

1.3
Parent Welcome Evening ~ 6.00pm

4.3
School Photos

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