Dear Parents and Carers

Last Wednesday 5/6S were involved in a photography workshop, through the Moran Arts Foundation. The students had a great day and produced some outstanding images from around our school. We will have an exhibition of some of their work later in the term.

Last week the Breakfast Program commenced and will continue each Wednesday and Friday mornings with volunteers from the Wollongong Church of Christ providing our students with a healthy breakfast. Volunteers will also be here for the Kids Hope Mentor Program, Chess Club and SUPA Club. Farmborough Road is very lucky to have this support again this year.

Today Scripture lessons commenced for all students. We thank our great band of volunteers who come to the school each week to provide scripture for our students.

School photos will be on Monday 4th March and information was sent home last week. All students need to return an order envelope, even if a brother or sister is paying for the family order. Family, SRC and School President photos will also be taken and order forms are available from the office. Please note that all orders and payments must be made by Friday 1st March.

This term we will be again organising a writing competition across the school.

Information will sent home this week and all students will be writing Persuasive texts. This is the text type for NAPLAN Assessments this year and will provide the focus for all class programs in Term 1. One of our school targets is to improve the Literacy skills of all students and this will be one strategy used. At a whole school assembly later in the term winners will be announced.

Information about Parent/Teacher Meetings, which will be held next Monday afternoon, 25th February, from 4.45pm, was sent home yesterday. These meetings will provide information about class organization and expectations for the year. They provide a valuable method of communication and I would encourage all parents to take up this opportunity. We hope the later times will allow more parents to attend.

Tomorrow the St George Illawarra Dragons will be here to work with students K-6 on some fun activities. I’m sure they will have an enjoyable time.

Good luck to those students who will represent our school at the Dapto District Swimming Carnival this Friday. I’m sure they will do well and we’ll see some personal best times recorded.

Included in this week’s Newsletter is a sheet for Family Contact details. We ask that this is completed and returned to school by next Friday 1st March, so that school records can be updated. Even if details haven’t changed, please return the completed form. You would appreciate that correct details are essential in the case of an emergency and we seek your support in this matter.

Also included is a copy of the School Uniform Policy. It has been pleasing to see most students in full school uniform, but with School Photos coming up, could I ask all parents ensure their children are wearing the correct uniform. For girls the school uniform includes shorts or skorts and not bike pants. Bike pants are part of the sport uniform and should therefore ONLY be worn for sport on Fridays. Black shoes are also part of the uniform and not coloured canvas shoes that are being worn at times by some students.

You would be aware that school hours for students are 9-3pm. Staff are on duty from 8.30am each morning, so I would ask parents to ensure their children do not arrive at school before 8.30am each day.

The next meeting for the School Promotions Committee 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.

Dale Green
Principal

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Dear Parents / Carers

The first P&C meeting for 2013 will be held tonight. We will be meeting in the staff room at 7pm, everyone is welcome to attend, and it would be lovely to see some new faces.

The school caps have arrived and are now available from the Uniform Shop for $10 each. Hopefully the polo shirts will be available very soon. Sorry for the inconvenience. The Uniform Shop is open on Thursday mornings from 8.30 - 9.15am.

Our 'Family Twilight Night' is now only a few weeks away and we are planning a fun filled night. We hope to have as many families as possible attend to make the night a success. Please send orders for stars with payment back to school by 28th of this month. It would be great to see you all there for a great night.

Congratulations to everyone who competed at last week’s swimming carnival and good luck to everybody who will be competing at the District Carnival this Friday. I’m sure you will all do your best and have lots of fun.

Stay safe,
Rachael Joyce
P&C President
UNIFORM SHOP
The Uniform Shop is open on Thursday mornings from 8.30am ~ 9.15am. If you are unable to make it on Thursdays, please place your order and money in an envelope clearly marked with your child’s name and class, and we will have the ladies organise your order and leave it for you to pick up from the office.

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN
Thanks to all of those families who supported this program in 2012. A number of great resources have arrived and are in classrooms for students and teachers to use. They include a range of games, teaching resources and another 10 Djembes (African Drums). I’m sure they will be very useful for the whole school.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR SUCCESS
This week’s focus is “Follow Teachers’ Instructions”. This will be shown through:
Respect- We will follow instructions to ensure we are respectful of teachers and the learning process.
Responsibility- We will listen actively then plan and take appropriate action.
Excellence- We will follow instructions so we can all learn and stay safe.
Please reinforce these areas with your children.

Farmborough Road PS 2013 Swimming Champions

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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