Welcome Back…

I had a great and relaxing holiday as did the staff from all reports and I hope all of you enjoyed the time with your lovely children.

This Term we have several changes to the staff in the school…

Mr Freel has returned to his High School and we welcome Miss Michelle Shirlaw to the stage three team. Michelle has come to us with experience on stage three classes at another school. She came highly recommended and we look forward to her contributions to the class, stage and school.

Mr Hackner has taken extended long service leave and will be away for all of Term 3, he has been replaced by Mr Gene Morris. Gene has been working at several schools on stage three classes for extended periods and again came highly recommended.

Both these teachers bring with them an enthusiasm for teaching and a developing knowledge of the syllabus and learning continuums. We look forward to working closely with them.

Mrs Suey will take leave this term and we have asked Mr Richardson to step into her shoes for the duration of the leave. This will commence in Week 3 and continue until the end of Term. This will involve Mr Richardson working with teachers in developing and expanding teachers knowledge in the maths syllabus. He will be replaced in his class by Miss Samantha White. Sam has worked here at Farmborough Road over several year. She spent time last year working in England and brings all these experiences with her to our school.

Education Week Assembly… Student Welfare… Public Speaking…

Public Speaking… The school is in the process of running finals in grades for our Public Speaking. Grade winners will present at the Education Week Assembly in Week 3, Thursday 30th August. Families of winners will receive an invite to the assembly. I had the pleasure of watching my granddaughter present her speech at her school assembly this week and it was very impressive. I am really looking forward to seeing and hearing our finalists.

Stage finalists will be selected to represent our school at the Community of School assembly to be held at the Illawarra Sports High School later in the term.

For Your Calendar

16/7 Surf Sense Presentation
16/7 K-6 Assembly ~ Presented by Cooinda
22/7 Choral Festival
23/7 NAIDOC Celebration
24/7 Stewart House Collection

Education Week Assembly… Student Welfare… Public Speaking…

Email: farmbororid-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Website: www.farmbororid-p.schools.det.nsw.edu.au
School Uniform…Surprise Inspection!

I will be doing a uniform snap inspection next week and as I looked at our assembly this morning only half the school will receive merits at the minute, which is a bit disappointing. The uniform policy says ‘Black Shoes’! We have every colour know to man coming to school at the minute. Parents we ask for your support in getting students to wear their black shoes, it really isn’t their choice. A very simple way around this is to not buy them coloured shoes for school!

Doing Things Together Day!

We had a great day yesterday at the DTTD, many of the groups were led by students from Years 3 and 4. These younger students really stepped up to the task and did an outstanding job. Well done! Our theme for this activity day was literacy and the students got to participate in a wide range of activities based on quality reading texts. The range of activities was extensive ranging from an Alphabet Jigsaw to rewriting the ending of a story and everything in between. Thank you to the teachers who worked during the holidays to ensure that everything was ready for first day back.

Woolworths Earn & Learn!

When you shop at Woolies from tomorrow on you will be offered stickers…please say yes to these and send them into school. The more we collect the more we can get from Modern Teaching Aids. This company has many great teaching aids that we can use these stickers to purchase. When I was at Corrimal Public School we got several maths kits and some great Lego robotics kits for the classrooms. So please tell all your Mums, Dads, Nans and Pops that we need their help, shop at Woolies and save the stickers for us! Send them to school or there is a Farmborough Road box at the Unanderra Woolies!

See you around the playground!
Pam Grosse
Principal

Uniform Shop News…

The uniform shop is open 8.30 to 9.15 Thursday mornings and is staffed by parent volunteers. We accept cash or cheque only. Layby is available for your convenience. If you can’t make it on a Thursday morning please leave your order and payment with our lovely office ladies and we will have your items ready to pick up from the office the following Thursday. A copy of the Uniform shop price list can be found on the school website. Click on "Newsletters and Notes" and then “P&C, Canteen and Uniform Shop”.

Birthdays…

Congratulations to the following students who celebrated their birthday during the holidays and who will celebrate their birthday this week:

James 1/7 ~ Kyle 2/7 ~ Connor 30/6
Deegan 28/6 ~ Christopher 28/6 ~ Micaela 6/7 ~ Blake 10/7 ~ Olivia 10/7
Ella 5/7 ~ Bodie 6/7 ~ Gabbi 7/7 ~ Preston 11/7 ~ Emma 16/7

P & C News

Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome back everyone to Term 3. Wow the year is just flying by so fast. I hope you all enjoyed the holidays with your children and got to do lots of fun things. I certainly had a great break. Please remember the canteen is only open Lunch 1 for food and drinks throughout the winter months. Take care and stay warm.

Sally Taylor
President

Tickets for the Choral Festival can be purchased from the school office prior to:

Tuesday 21st July
NO tickets can be purchased after this date and will not be sold at the door on the day!!

This week's Assembly is for K - 6 on Thursday at 2pm
Presented by Cooinda

Merit Awards

Term 2 Week 10

Araluen - Joshua, Caitlyn
Leamurra - Kassidy, Lily
Jimboomba - Joshua, Chloe
Ningaloo - Natalie, Shinae
Parent/s or caregivers are required – by law – to provide a written or verbal explanation to the Principal within seven days of any absence as to why their child was not at school.

It is important that the school receives a written or verbal explanation because:

1. It is a parent’s legal obligation to explain their child’s absence within seven days
2. It is a requirement that the school investigate all unexplained absences
3. It avoids the school and the School Attendance Officer from making unnecessary investigations
4. It is the way the school knows that your child was legitimately absent and not truanting from school

If you have any difficulties in providing a written explanation for your child’s absence, please contact your school principal.

**Celebrate Attendance**

**Hints and Tips No 1: Responsibilities**

Parent/s or caregivers are required – by law – to provide a written or verbal explanation to the Principal within seven days of any absence as to why their child was not at school.

It is important that the school receives a written or verbal explanation because:

1. It is a parent’s legal obligation to explain their child’s absence within seven days
2. It is a requirement that the school investigate all unexplained absences
3. It avoids the school and the School Attendance Officer from making unnecessary investigations
4. It is the way the school knows that your child was legitimately absent and not truanting from school

If you have any difficulties in providing a written explanation for your child’s absence, please contact your school principal.

**Tips to help children drink more tap water**

- Offer water when children are thirsty.
- Have a jug of water on the table at mealtimes.
- Keep cold water in the fridge at all times, especially on hot days.
- In summer, freeze sliced fruit in ice blocks and add to a cup of water.
- Freeze half a water bottle for child care (the night before) and fill the remainder with cold water before leaving. Children will have a refreshing water bottle every day!
- Give your child a water bottle when they are involved in active play or sport.
- Remember to take a filled water bottle when you go out.
- Avoid having fruit juice in the house; if children don’t see it, they are less