Welcome back to Term 1 -
2016…

I hope you all had a great holiday with your lovely children. We formed our classes on Thursday last week with all teachers and students settling into their new spaces and groupings. Kinder arrived on Friday and seem to be settling in really well…lots of smiles and happy faces.

The new class structures are…
Kindergarten – Mr Haines - Yulara
1/2 - Mrs Adams - Merinda
1/2 – Mr McGee - Myaree
3/4 – Ms Lyons - Leamurra
3/4 – Ms Suey - Giralong
5/6 – Mr Poole - Coolangatta
5/6 – Mr s Weaver - Matong
MC - Mrs Donaldson - Coolabah
Instructional Leaders K-2 - Mrs Farrugia & Mrs Daly
Instructional Leaders 3-6 – Mrs Crossingham & Mrs Egan Scott
Mrs Martin is our Reading Recovery and Release from Face to Face teacher. Library sessions will be run by class teachers this year.

We will be holding Parent Information Sessions during week 4, stay tuned for these times and date to be announced. Parent info sessions are a good time to meet the new teachers, ask any questions and sort out any difficulties you or your child may be experiencing and also to learn about classroom and homework requirements for this new year.

AG class 2016 EO1…Year 5 students only!

An expression of interest has gone out with today’s one and only printed newsletter this year. Please ensure this is returned no later that Monday next week as we need to do the testing in school next week and get the applications in. Please ensure you read the note thoroughly to ensure you understand the commitment you are signing up for. All Year 5 students are invited to sit the test, you won’t know if they don’t try!

School contact details!

A form has gone home with today’s newsletter asking for an update of parent contact details. We found last year that some of the contact numbers had changed and we had not been informed.

We are also asking for an email address (preferably not Hotmail) so that if you choose you can be emailed the newsletter.

Our school website is constantly updated as is the school App. Facebook is a great place to see what is happening daily with your children with teachers posting updates all the time…remember to request us as a friend.

See you around the playground…

Pam Grosse
Principal

For Your Calendar

3/2  Final numbers for Stage 3 Camp due!
5/2  Final payment day for Stage 3 Camp!
9/2  SUBWAY Day

Email: farmborord-p-school@det.nsw.edu.au
Website: www.farmborord-p.schools@det.nsw.edu.au
Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope everyone had a relaxing Christmas break. I would like to welcome all the new families to our school and hope you have a wonderful year.

Take care and have a great week.

Sally Taylor
P&C President

Canteen 2016

Welcome to another year of Canteen News. Did you know that last year our canteen made half of the total money raised by the P&C? Did you know that we sold over 1700 yummy drummies and 1000 ice monys! Unfortunately due to a lack of volunteers the canteen will only be able to open on Wednesday and Friday in Term 1. We will be running some Subway days on a Tuesday to try and offer lunches to our students on this day. If you are able to volunteer some of your time to the canteen please let us know as soon as possible. We will provide you with some training with our experienced volunteers during this term and hopefully have the canteen back to operating for three days in Term 2.

Subway Day

Our next Subway day will be on Tuesday 9th February. Please have your $6.50 and order form to the canteen or office by Monday 8th February.

BookClub

The first issue of BookClub will go home with the students today. You can now download an app using the App Store or Google Play to do your ordering on line. Please see the end of this newsletter for more details.

Uniform Shop News…

All our sports shirts have arrived!

The uniform shop is open 8.30 to 9.15 Thursday mornings and is staffed by parent volunteers. We accept cash/cheque or eftpos. 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 pricelist can be found on the school website. Click on "Newsletters and Notes" and then "P&C, Canteen and Uniform Shop".

Stage 3 Camp - Cataract Scout Camp

Week 4 - 17th-19th February
The final numbers of students attending the camp are required by Wednesday 3rd February. It is important that I advise the camp staff of the exact number of students attending to allow time for staff allocation at the camp and also to ensure everything runs smoothly upon our arrival at the camp. I kindly ask for the remaining balance of the camp payment to be finalised by Friday 5th February. If you are unsure of your outstanding balance, please don't hesitate to contact us. We are looking forward to this exciting and worthwhile opportunity for our Year 5 and 6 students!

Colleen Crossingham

Birthdays…
Congratulations to the following students who celebrated their birthday during the school holidays and who will celebrate their birthday this week:
Zahra 20/12  ~  Steven 25/12  ~  Stewart 28/12  ~  Caitlyn 30/12  ~  Jackson 31/12  ~  Kate 1/1  ~  Tamea 4/1  ~  Jason 8/1  ~  Cohan 4/1  ~  Logan 4/1  ~  Hayden 10/1  ~  Karcen 14/1  ~  Alex 16/1  ~  Cameron 23/1  ~  Kaitlen 19/1  ~  Rex 20/1  ~  Taylor 24/1  ~  Janric 31/1  ~  Jaymie 1/2  ~  Malakai 1/2

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.

Responsibility  Excellence  Respect
Parker’s Tennis Coaching

Tennis lessons now available at Farmborough Community Tennis Courts,
275 Farmborough Road,
near Top Shop.

For more information please call: Andrew Parker
on 0407 029 731

Email: arparker@bigpond.net.au

www.facebook.com/parkerstennis
Orders must be handed in by Monday 8th February. The canteen will not be open on this day.

All orders will be served on 6 inch white bread.

Lunch 1 - Tuesday 9th February

Tick the following options:

**Meat**
- Ham
- Turkey
- Veggie
- AND/OR Cheese Please!

**Salad**
- Lettuce
- Tomato
- Cucumber
- Carrot

**Sauce**
- Mayo
- Tomato
- BBQ
- OR
- No Thanks!

**Drink**
- Apple Popper
- OR
- Water

**Sides**
- Choc Chip Cookie
- OR
- Yoghurt

All for $6.50

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NAME:

CLASS:

NAME:

CLASS:
Academically Gifted Class – Year 5

This year an Academically Gifted class will operate in a school in the Wollongong area.

What is an Academically Gifted (AG) class?
The AG class is a withdrawal program that operates one day per week, Wednesday, at a school other than the student’s regular school. The class provides a dedicated learning environment for Year 5 students from a range of schools and aims to provide enriched learning experiences for academically gifted students to assist them to optimise their learning.

The program will commence in Term 2 and will operate for a period of 25 weeks, concluding in Week 5 Term 4. Transport to and from the host school is by parental arrangement.

How will the program be financed?
The cost will be funded by the school however it is anticipated that parent support for additional expenses will need to be made.

How do I apply?
• Please complete the Expression of Interest form below and return it to school by Wednesday 8th February 2016.

• Students will need to complete an online assessment in Week 3. This test will be conducted at school.

• Classroom teachers are required to provide additional information for each student.

• All applications are forwarded to the selection panel who will make the final decision for placements.

The Principal panel will have the authority to remove a child from the program, on the recommendation of the class teacher, under the following circumstances: poor achievement, behaviour or parental concern

Regards,
Pam Grosse
Principal

Expression of Interest Academically Gifted Class
Please return no later than Monday 8th February 2016.

I ……………………………….. (parent/carer) wish to apply for a placement in the Academically Gifted class 2016 for my child ……………… I understand that my child will be required to complete an entry assessment test and that the application will be reviewed by a Principal selection panel.

Signed……………………………..……………….    Contact telephone number……………………….……………
Email……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………
Email Subscriptions – iPhone, iPad and Android Apps

Dear parent / carer

We are pleased to inform you that you can now subscribe to receive newsletters, notes and year specific information via email and also access information and receive push alerts via our app.

We would prefer you to receive the news electronically. There are many advantages including:

- easy and direct reminders straight to your email account;
- simple to use mobile apps with alerts;
- your child can’t forget or lose the newsletter;
- access to the newsletter if your child is absent from school;
- reduced photocopying and administration time costs to the school; and
- supporting our environmental initiatives.

Please note that any savings to the school is money that can be better used on classroom resources or for improving your child’s school environment.

Subscribe for email updates

2. Click the “Newsletters and Notes” heading (top menu)
3. Click on “Subscribe to receive newsletters and notes.”
4. Under the “Subscribe” heading, tick on the “Newsletters List” and the appropriate year lists
5. Enter in your name and email address.
6. Click Subscribe
7. IMPORTANT: An email will be sent to your email address, you MUST click the “Activate Now” inside this email that is sent to you.

Get school news via our app!

1. iPhone, iPad and iPod Touch app:
   a. Open app store on your device, search for “farmborough” or “2526” OR
2. Android app:
   a. Open the play store on your device, search for “farmborough” or “2526” OR
5. All other phones visit: http://webapp.schoolenews.com.au
   a. Open the app and search for “farmborough”

If, however, you do not have access to the internet at home or work, please complete the return slip below requesting the continuation of a hard copy of the newsletter and notes each week.

I do not have access to the internet at home or work and will have a hard copy of the newsletter picked up by my eldest child each Tuesday. Please return note to the office.

Name: .................................................................................................................................
Eldest child’s name: ...........................................................................................................
Eldest child’s class: ...........................................................................................................
Signed: ............................................................................ Date: ...........................
Please update my child/ren’s information to convey the following:

Childs Name______________________________________ Class________________________
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Address where the child/ren normally live: ____________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________________

Parents/Carers with whom these students normally lives

Parent/Carer 1:
Name:________________________________________________________
Phone: (H) ____________________(W) ____________________(M) ____________________
Employment: ____________________________________________  ☐ I am currently not in paid work

Parent/Carer 2:
Name:________________________________________________________
Phone: (H) ____________________(W) ____________________(M) ____________________
Employment: ____________________________________________  ☐ I am currently not in paid work

Which Scripture would you like your child to attend?
☐ Catholic  ☐ Combined  ☐ Non-Scripture

In the case that you can not be contacted, please list in order of preference your emergency contacts.

(First preference) (Second preference)
Name: __________________________________     Name: __________________________________
Home Phone: ____________________________     Home Phone: ____________________________
Mobile: _________________________________     Mobile: _________________________________
Relationship to child_______________________     Relationship to child_______________________

Signature: ________________________________     Date: ________________________________