

Farmborough Road Public School

Newsletter

WEEK 1 TERM 4 2017

PHONE: 4271 1133

P&C Meeting Dates

24th October
21st November



**Onward
And
Upward**



For Your Calendar

12/10	School Photos.
13/10	ARCHIBALD EXCURSION – Selected students.
13/10	K-6 Assembly – Balamara presenting – 12:45pm.
13/10	SPOOKY DISCO – 5:30pm to 8:30pm.
20/10	Silver Afternoon Tea.

Attendance...is an issue!

noun: **attendance**

1. the action or state of **going regularly** to or being present at a place or event.

Is your child's late arrival or early pickups affecting their learning?

The short answer is YES!

We are having a big push this term on attendance. Arriving late each day or picking up early is having a real effect on some students learning.

School is a pattern... if you get your children into a pattern before and after school it makes life a whole lot less complicated.

Student should be at school at 8:30 am each day, this gives them the opportunity to find their friends, order lunch and get to lines with everyone else.

School finishes each day at 3pm. All appointments should be able to be booked after 3pm. Most businesses don't close till 5pm.

School is a very important part of life, life changing if they attend everyday.

Our school data is telling us that the main contributing factor to some students **under achievement** at school is due to poor attendance. Anything under 80% attendance is not good enough.



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Onward
and
Upward

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Website: www.farmborord-p.schools.nsw.edu.au



In order to keep parents in the loop, I will be sending home some, 'over time data' (See a sample below) to highlight the issue for some parents. I will also be contacting some parents this term by phone or you may get a letter from me outlining your child's attendance patterns. We are getting quite concerned and we want you to have the facts about the attendance patterns of your child. I am happy to chat to you about your child's learning and attendance at any time so please just pop in.

Term 2						Term 3						Term 4							
W	T	W	T	F		W	T	W	T	F		W	T	W	T	F			
W1						W1						W1						Term 1:	73.2 %
W2						W2						W2						Term 2:	56.8 %
W3						W3						W3						Term 3:	71.3 %
W4						W4						W4						Term 4:	50 %
W5						W5						W5						Overall:	67.0 %
W6						W6						W6							
W7						W7						W7							
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W11						W11						W11							

Welcome back...

Everyone has come back from holidays looking refreshed and ready to hit the ground running! We have a busy term ahead that includes the Silver Afternoon Teas, K-6 Presentation Day, GOLD Reward Day and Year 6 Farewell just to name a few. Keep an eye out in the newsletter for more info. All term dates are available on the website and notes can be downloaded and returned via email. Keep an eye on the School App for updates and notes, also if you are not yet a friend of ours on facebook please add us to your list.

Kinder Enrolments...

We are starting to look ahead to 2018. If you know anyone who is yet to enrol their child for Kinder please encourage them to do so as soon as possible to ensure they are able to attend our Kinder Orientation Sessions. Invitation were sent out to our new kinders at the end of last term. Also, if you are moving out of the area and changing schools please send a message through to the office. This will enable us to determine class sizes and staffing to ensure a smooth start to 2018.

P&C Meeting Week 3...

Our first P&C Meeting of the term will be held on Tuesday 24th October at 7:00pm in the staffroom. As usual I will have the jug on and some nice biscuits to share. Looking forward to meeting with new members.

Silver Afternoon Tea...Friday 20th October

If your child has been invited they are welcome to come in Mufti on that day. Only students with an invite can attend. We will be holding an afternoon tea nearly every week this term so no one will miss out.

See you around the playground!

Pam Grosse
Principal

Birthdays...

Congratulations to the following students who celebrated their birthday this week!

Natasha 14/10
Kirby 14/10



Spooky FAMILY DISCO
A ghoulishly fun night - with a hint of a fright!

FRIDAY 13TH OCTOBER
5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

FREE entry for pre-schoolers and parents/carers!

DISCO & MEAL DEAL DISCO ONLY

The Big Choice of Drink Jelly Taps **\$10** **\$5**

Tickets on sale now at the office!

Cash preferred - other payment options listed overleaf.



Fancy Dress Games & Prizes Song Requests Dance Off



ASSEMBLY

BALAMARA

FRIDAY 12:45pm

Uniform Shop News...

School photos are on this Thursday and the Uniform Shop will be open from 8.30am for all your last minute needs. Polos, shorts, dresses, skirts and dress ties are in stock. Please remember we accept cash, cheque or credit card. Credit cards attract a 2% surcharge to cover our costs.

Swimming Scheme 2017...



It's that time of year again!!!

This year's Swimming Scheme will run from 27th November to 8th December (weeks 8 and 9). The first offerings are to students who have or are turning 8 in 2017. The P&C are kindly covering the cost for these students. Notes will be sent home this week with ONLY these students. More notes will follow over the coming weeks.

School Photos...



Our school photos will be held this **Thursday 12th October**. Photo envelopes were sent home with your child/ren last term. Each child has their own individually labelled envelope. Please see the information sheet over the page and please take the time to read the information on the envelope carefully on how to make payments. You can return payment envelopes with correct money to the office prior to the day of photos. Sibling Photo Envelopes are available at the office.

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.



Missing school leaves gaps in your education

Friday 13th October – ARCHIBALD EXCURSION ...

This Friday selected children will travel to the Art Gallery of NSW to view the Archibald Exhibition.



TRIVIA NIGHT

**SATURDAY 4TH NOVEMBER
7:00PM**

Kembla Heights Bowling Club

\$20

**Covers entry, finger food,
prizes and more!
Create your own team
(8 – 10 people)
or join one of ours.**

Tickets are available at FRPS Office. Phone 4271 1133 for more information or email frps-events@hotmail.com



All profits raised from this event will fund playground equipment for our students!



Our P&C need your help!!

Farmborough Road Public School's P&C will be holding a raffle at our upcoming Trivia Night. We are asking members of our community to donate an item of choice that would compliment one of the following hampers:

Pamper Hamper

Picnic Hamper

Handyman Hamper

Sports Hamper

All donations can be handed in to the school office.
Thankyou.

FRPS TRIVIA NIGHT



Name the winners of this year's
Bathurst 1000 Supercar Race.

Responsibility

Excellence

Respect



say cheese

School Photo Day is Thursday 12th October

Have your child's school memories captured forever

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:



- Don't seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day
- Sibling Photo Envelopes are available at the school office upon request. *Online Ordering is NOT available for Sibling Photo Packs.*
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given.
- **Return your individual photo envelopes on photo day.** Your child will be asked to present the envelope directly to the MSP photographer, sending it to school earlier will only create more work for your school administration staff.

For any enquiries, please feel free to contact us

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www.msp.com.au

Thinking of applying for a government selective high school for Year 7 entry in 2019?

You must apply online at
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>



'Intention to Apply' form is over the page!

Key dates

Tuesday 10 October 2017

Application website opens

Monday 13 November 2017

Application website closes. You must apply by the due date.

Thursday 1 March 2018

Test authority advice sent to all applicants

Thursday 15 March 2018

Selective High School Placement Test

Friday 6 July 2018

Placement outcome information is sent

Information booklets are available at the office!

There is more information at:
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc>

Parents should check this website for updates all the way through the application and placement process. Please check the website for information before you contact the Unit.

Term 4 Calendar

Information & enquiries please contact
 Local Facilitator Allison McKenzie
 On 0448254779 or email-
Allison.mckenzie4@det.nsw.edu.au

Families at Farmborough
 School Community Centre
A Schools as Community Centres Project



NSW Schools as Community Centres Project: Supporting Families with children 0-8

Unless otherwise stated, all programs are located at Farmborough Road Public School, Unanderra

Farmborough
 Road PS
 56 Farmborough
 Road, Unanderra
 NSW 2526
 Ph: 42711133



familiesNSW
 supporting families to raise children



Education & Communities

Monday



Circle of Security
 INTERNATIONAL
 Early Intervention Program for Parents & Children

Farmborough Road
Circle of Security
Parenting program
 10.00am to 12.00pm
 Starts 16th October-
 4th December
 8 weeks
 Contact Sue or Gina
 42607400
 Limited childcare
 available
 bookings essential

Tuesday

Farmborough Road
PLAYGROUP
 9.30am-11am
 Starts 17th October-
 5th December

All welcome. Bring fruit
 to share for morning
 tea. Enjoy free play,
 craft, story and games.

FREE



Wednesday

Farmborough Road
Music Group
 10.00am-11.00am
 Starts 18th October-
 6th December
 All welcome. Enjoy
 music and stories
 followed by free play.
 Bring morning tea.



Early Years Care

Early Years Playschool
 Creative play, Art & Craft
 for families and children
 under 5. 9.30am-
 11.30am
 Bring morning tea (nut
 free)
 To contact Marie Smith on
 PH: 42562072

Thursday

Farmborough Road
Kindy's Starters
 Playsessions 9.30-11am
 Program at the SaCC.
 Thursdays Starts 19th
 October- 7th December
 & make some new friends.
 Please bring some fruit to
 share for morning tea.
SaCC Transition to
School
 2nd November term 4
 9.30am-11.00am
 This is an opportunity for
 Children and their parents
 to learn about starting
 school in 2018
 Information for parents &
 entertainment for children.
 Contact Allison
 0448254779

Friday

Berkeley West PS
PLAYGROUP
Paint and Play
 9.30am-11.00am
 Starts 20th October-
 8th December
 Berkeley West Public
 School (preschool room)
 Please bring fruit
 for morning tea. FREE



"Barnardos Women's
 Support Group"
 Contact Laura or
 Kristen for further details
 on
 42758575
 (This is a closed group)

Intention to apply for Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Selective high schools cater for high achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 15 March 2018.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2019, you need to apply soon. You will need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from 10 October 2017 in a printed application information booklet and at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

The application website opens at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7> on 10 October 2017 and closes on 13 November 2017. You must apply before the closing date.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after 10 October 2017.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

Remember: the tear-off slip below is **not an application** and the school cannot apply on your behalf.

Yours sincerely

Principal

Out along the dotted line and return the completed slip below to this school by next Friday.

Note: THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FOR ENTRY TO A SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL. This is a notice to your primary school only that you **intend** to apply.

TO APPLY YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER AND THEN APPLY THROUGH THE HIGH PERFORMING STUDENTS APPLICATION WEBSITE:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

Intention to apply for Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2019

Student's name: _____ Class: _____

I intend to apply for selective high school entry in 2019

Yes ☐ No ☐

If Yes EITHER

I have internet access and will be applying online

☐

OR

I do not have internet access and will use the public library to complete the application

☐

Signature of parent/carers: _____ Date: _____

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Community News...



CTI. Custom Tutoring Institute

Personalised tuition - Kinder to Adults

Custom Tutoring Institute is a locally family-owned tutoring business. We offer personalised tuition one-on-one or in small groups of up to 3 students.

Our professional and friendly staff aim to assist students with everything from homework completion, assessment tasks and study through to remedial assistance for struggling learners. Regular communication between parents and tutors is encouraged.

As a member of the Australian Tutoring Association, we are held to high standards and therefore offer the best service available. Discover the difference our personalised approach can make for your child or yourself.

Contact us to book an obligation
free consultation today!

0414 258 563

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Unanderra
cti@eplaza.com.au

Member of the
Australian Tutoring
Association



CustomTrainingIllawarra

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Free Parenting Course

"Circle of Security"

The Circle of Security Parenting (COS-P) program is a course designed to help parents and carers build supportive relationships with their children.

Licensed COS-P providers will guide
parents and carers through this seven week course.

Mondays 10.00am – 12.00pm

October 16th - November 27th 2017

**Location: 56 Farmborough Rd, Unanderra
'Schools as Community Centre' at Farmborough Rd. Public School**

Limited places - bookings essential.

Morning tea provided.

Limited Childcare available – bookings essential!

To book your place in the course:

Contact Sue or Gina on 42607400

Gates at the school are locked for security.

Any difficulty entering on a Monday during the course, please call
Allison on 0448 254 779



Health
Illawarra Shoalhaven
Local Health District



Nicolas Serray Music Training

**Guitar – Classical &
Contemporary**



Music Theory

Wednesday & Thursday Afternoons
Located in a comfortable studio in Berkeley
0435 852 649
Call for a booking!



What's On at your local high school

Illawarra Sports High

School App

Did you know that Illawarra Sports High School has an app? It is called 'School Enews'. This app (like most used by schools) allows you to receive all information to your smartphone, Windows, Apple or Android device.

Simply go to your play store and search for School Enews.



Search for Illawarra Sports High and subscribe to the Pre Year 7 option.



This will ensure you stay up to date with important information at our school for example Orientation date and times, start date for next year, absentee form, school calendar etc.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school on 4271 1099.