DATES TO REMEMBER
18th May – Under 8’s Day
12th June- Athletics Carnival
18th - 22nd June – Yr 7 Camp

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
NAPLAN 2012. By the time you read this NAPLAN will be over for another year. I was impressed by the student’s readiness and the preparation done by our staff. It is a point in time set of tests and at times does not reflect how a particular student is performing in the Australian Curriculum. However we do take the tests seriously and apart from providing ‘brain food’ each morning there have been numerous lessons, coaching sessions and other activities to ready our students for the test. On many occasions activities have been geared to C2C lessons.

LIAISON OFFICER. Mrs Kath Sturdy has taken up a position of part-time liaison officer supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, as well as students with English as a second language. She will act as an advocate for students and families in these two areas. Mrs Sturdy will be a valuable resource for our community and I thank her for taking on this role.

ATHLETICS. We are gearing up towards our athletic carnival. Mrs Meigan has started trials and class teachers will be helping this process. The date for the carnival is now set as Tuesday 12th June and it will be held at Mirani State High School.

ACTIVITIES. The students have been bombarded by a host of activities and sporting trials. Our students have been outstanding because of their behaviour and efforts. We have participated in the cross country, ARL Development Cup, Chess, Touch Football boys/girls, Soccer, Mega Band, the Lantern Parade to name a few. I would like to acknowledge the efforts not only of staff and students but also the parents who are providing permission and transport to the students.

UNDER 8’s. This Friday will see the Under 8’s being hosted at our school. There are numerous activities provided by the community and the school. We have Preps to Year 3’s directly involved and some of our year 7’s will be on hand to help.

ODDS AND ENDS. The approval to paint A and B blocks and rejuvenate the senior toilets has come through. Work should commence in the coming weeks. QBuild are looking to wrap up the outstanding jobs and hopefully that will be completed shortly.

SPONSORSHIP. The sponsored jerseys for the rugby league team have arrived. It was a pity they weren’t on hand during the AFL Development Cup where the boys were knocked out in the semis by the eventual winners. A very big thankyou to those sponsors.

Phil Wilson
Acting Principal
SCHOOL NEWS

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN FOR OUR SCHOOL

COMMENCING FROM 9TH MAY 2012 TO 1ST July (Close)
You will earn 1 sticker for every $10 spent.
Once your sticker card is completed bring those sticker cards to school (Woolworths have even given us a special collection box!). More sticker cards are available from the School Office if needed.
DROP YOUR COMPLETED STICKER CARD IN THE BOX PROVIDED IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE

PAULS COLLECT A CAPS
Collect your caps and drop them into the school office.

PE NEWS

Congratulations to our school Cross Country runners who participated in the Mackay Trials which were held in Sarina last Friday. You should be very proud of your efforts. Amber Bausch has performed extremely well and as a result has been selected in the Capricornia hockey team. Well done to the following students who were selected in the Pioneer Valley Touch Team.
Amber Bausch, Jedd Abbott, Jed Muscat, Bryce Dodd & Bailey Pace

Training will be on next Tuesday 3.30pm-4.30pm.
Our Rugby League School Jerseys have finally arrived and were worn for the first time yesterday. Our boys look very professional. These jerseys would not have been possible without the kind sponsorship of the following businesses-
*Barbeler Homes  *PJ Abbott Plumbing & Drainage  
*Hurree Equipment Repairs  *Origin Group (QLD) PTY LTD  
*Salon Rio

Thanks for all of your support.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Roadworks
Peak Downs Highway, Walkerston

Overview
The Department of Transport and Main Roads is progressively undertaking road reconstruction works in the Mackay/Whitsunday region as part of Operation Queenslander.
Queensland’s road network received more damage than any other state government asset during the flooding and cyclone events of 2010/2011.
Operation Queenslander is the largest reconstruction effort in Queensland’s history, rebuilding communities, fixing infrastructure and restoring regional economies.
The department is working closely with the community, local government, other government agencies and industry to reconstruct as much of the damaged transport network as quickly as possible. The program of works is being delivered under the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA), a joint federal and state initiative.

Under these arrangements, the Australian Government provides 75% of the funding, with 25% from the Queensland Government.

What roadworks are occurring and how do they affect me?
Reconstruction works will start on Peak Downs Highway between Kirkup Bridge and Bergmans Road in the week commencing Monday 14 May 2012 and are expected to be completed in August 2012, weather permitting. Work hours will generally be Monday to Saturday between 6 am and 6 pm.
Construction activities will include bitumen resurfacing, stabilisation, widening and pavement replacement. Driveways may be impacted at various times as these works progress, however a member of the project team will contact affected residents prior to any disruptions to discuss alternate access arrangements.
Traffic controllers, traffic signals, single-lane closures and speed restrictions will be used as required. Motorists can expect some delays and should factor in additional travel time to their journey.
Motorists should drive to the changed conditions and obey all signage for their own safety and the safety of roadworkers during these works. Your patience and cooperation is appreciated while these works are underway.

How do I find out more?
If you require further information, please call the department on 1300 736 754 or to receive email updates, please register at reconstruct_mackay@tmr.qld.gov.au. For up-to-date information on traffic disruptions, please visit www.131940.qld.gov.au or call 13 19 40.

*Cust of a local call. Higher call charges apply from mobile phones or payphones.

T he FAR LEIGH STATE SCHOOL P & C ASSOCIATION’S ANNUAL FAR LEIGH PALM FETE FAR LEIGH STATE SCHOOL

Sunday 20th May 2012 - 8.00am to 1pm

Enjoy the friendly market atmosphere in our lovely grounds.

Talk to other palm, cycad and garden enthusiasts.

Join the fun and book a stall for your favourite charity.

Organisations wishing to display but not sell, please contact the Farleigh State School on Phone: 4959 8229 or Fax:49598229  e-mail: pandc@farleighss.eq.edu.au

There will be a Jumping Castle, a Giant Slide & other rides available for the children

Admission to the Fete is free.

CARS 4 KIDS MOTOR SHOW
The Cars 4 Kids Motor Show is on THIS Sunday 20th May at the PCYC Norris Road 9am to 3pm. Final preparations for the Tappet Cover Race are under way with 21 racers registered so far. The interest has been fantastic and there are some great prizes on offer kindly donated by John Donnelly The Good Guys and Office works. Pre race inspection and qualifying will be from 10am, racing starts at 11am. All teams are required to be present by 10am

For further information please phone 0400051145