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NEWSLETTER
Monday 06 June 2016

From the Principal- Dr Carmel McGrath

Due to our Gala Sports Day being cancelled on Friday 3 June we have had to make some changes for the final weeks of this Term. Our Assembly will be held on Thursdays until the end of this Term. Please see the table on page 2 to familiarise yourself with the new dates.

Community Spirit Awards- (New Date) Thursday 9 June at 9am in the school hall. All Welcome. Thank you to all those families and individuals who took the time to nominate someone who they thought demonstrated the attributes of community spirit. Once again we have had some wonderful people nominated who work tirelessly around our school to make a positive impact on our community. Setting a great example for their children and families.

Gala Sports Day- Rescheduled. Friday 10 June. Please ensure students arrive at school by 8.15am for roll marking prior to departure. If your child is unwell, please phone the student absentee line on 3358 7333 before 8.00am so teachers can be notified of their absence. Buses should be returning to New Farm by 3.15pm. Please ensure you child knows their pick up arrangements for these days.

P&C Vecs (Voluntary Education Contribution Scheme) - Thank you to our families who have already returned their contribution payments. Our P&C President would like to remind families that the contributions made are a real and tangible way to help our school.

The annual Voluntary Education Contribution Scheme is a significant way that families can help support our P&C Committee in their endeavours to improve our school for our students and community. Please be as generous as you can. There are many wonderful projects to consider and all will benefit from the funding.

If we could please receive your pledge of a donation by Wednesday 8 June this would be greatly appreciated.

Important information for VECS Email address- The correct email address is: PandC@newfarmss.eq.edu.au It is important that the capitals are used.

STUDENT ABSENCE PHONE 3358 7333 OPT 1

DIARY DATES

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SPECIAL OCCASIONS

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<td>Invoices Due: ICAS (various amounts) due now</td>
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**IMPORTANT-Date changes for the next few weeks.**

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**ICAS** – Please remember to arrive in plenty of time to settle and commence your competition. We will aim for a **start at 7.45am** in the school library.

**ICAS Tuesday 14 June** – Writing.

**ICAS Wednesday 15 June** – Spelling.

**Year 5 Camp 2016 – Emu Gully, Helidon.** Wednesday 17 August to Friday 19 August. Your child will have received an information letter regarding this school camp last week. As part of the school camping program, this year all students in Year 5 will be going to the Emu Gully Adventure Education Camp site at Helidon. [www.emugully.com.au](http://www.emugully.com.au) Students will be accompanied by Mr Brett Wilson, Mrs Jan Dickens, Mr Kent Rainbow and one of our Teacher Aides.

In order to confirm numbers we request that a non-refundable deposit of $50 be paid by Friday, 17 June 2016. Please contact our Business Services Manager, Elena Anderson on 3358 7333 if you have any concerns.
**Report Cards** - As you are aware, Semester 1 Report Cards will be emailed to the email addresses we have in One School. These are the addresses that we use to send you the link to our newsletter each week.

In order to ensure that we have your correct email address, we will be emailing you a TEST email today. Please **DO NOT RESPOND** to this email.

If you **DO NOT** receive this email or you wish to change your contact details, kindly contact the office immediately on 3358 7333.

**Beeston Street Gates** - The gates at Beeston Street will be open from Wednesday, 8 June. Parents and students can now enter the school from these gates. There will be bunting up around the turfed area as it still requires more time to adhere to the ground. Please be careful as you cross this surface. If you have any queries, kindly contact our Business Services Manager, Elena Anderson on 3358 7333.

**Unexplained Absences** - We are still experiencing some unexplained absences each day. We are responsible to account for the whereabouts of all enrolled students each day. These absences are followed up by our Administration staff. Please ensure you respond promptly to any request for clarification. If you email the classroom teacher, kindly include the admin email as well. **Any unexplained absence will appear on your child’s end of semester report card.** Please call the absence line each day your child is away. We must always record a reason for your child's absence. Absence Line 3358 7333 Option 1 or email admin@newfarmss.eq.edu.au

**Canberra Trip 2016 for Year 6 Students** - 29 August- 02 September. Thank you to all parents who have now made the next instalment of payments toward the Canberra Trip for this year. If you have any concerns please contact our Business Service Manager Elena Anderson on 3358 7333 during school hours.

**New Farm State School Annual Athletics Carnival** – Education Queensland requires parents to give permission for students to participate in a range of Physical Education activities. We also require permission for those students who will be participating in events at New Farm Park on Tuesday 21 June 2016.

Mr Kent Rainbow our PE Specialist has already sent these permission forms home with children in Years 3-6. **Please return this permission form to the office by Wednesday, 8 June.**

* **Wednesday 15 June – Prep –Year 2 Athletics Carnival** (School Oval)
* **Friday 17 June – Year 3 - Year 6 Field events** (School Oval)
* **Tuesday 21 June – Year 3-Year 6 Athletics carnival** (New Farm Park) Permission required to attend.

**Jabiru Before and After school care** – If your child attends Jabiru after school, please remind them to go directly there after school and check in with the facility managers. We cannot have students playing or wandering around the school grounds unaccompanied after the bell has gone in the afternoon. It is important the staff at Jabiru mark your child off their roll as soon as possible.
Administering Medication at School - If your child requires staff to administer medication to your child at school, please contact the school office in the first instance to discuss your child’s requirements.

Please note, school staff will only administer medication that:

* has been prescribed by a qualified health practitioner (e.g. doctor, dentist)
* is in its original container
* has an attached pharmacy label.

Office staff will ask you to complete and sign Section 1 of the Administration of medication at school record sheet.

N.B. If your child requires more than one medication, you will need to complete a form for each medication.

Before you provide the school with your child’s medication, check the expiry date to ensure it is in-date and there is enough for the agreed time period. It is also a good idea to take a note of the expiry date so that you can replace the medication before it expires.

Please note, school staff will not administer medication that you can buy over-the-counter at chemists and supermarkets (e.g. paracetamol, eye drops, cough syrup) unless it has been prescribed by your child’s qualified health practitioner. For example, the school would administer paracetamol to a student only if it has been prescribed by their dentist to be taken for a short time after dental treatment.

School staff are bound by these regulations and we hope that all parents will acknowledge and cooperate with these rules.

It is safer for all students if you can provide medication to the school in person (rather than send medication with the student). If you can’t provide the medication in person, contact the school to determine the easiest and safest approach for the school to receive the medication.

When your child’s medication is no longer required to be kept at school, please collect all unused medication.

Asthma Medication - If your child has asthma and requires assistance to administer their medication, it is important for you to provide the school with your child’s emergency medication and their Asthma Action Plan, completed by your doctor. An Asthma Action Plan provides specific instructions for the school to administer your child’s medication.

Please note that if your child requires assistance in an asthma emergency, staff will provide Asthma First Aid.

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Peaceful Little People

@ Teneriffe – Yoga

Weekly classes Thursday’s

Starting 21st April.

3.30 - 4.15pm: 5 - 8 y.o (10 max)
4.30 - 5.15pm: 9 -12 y.o (Lmtd)

10 wks - early bird special - $120-
cut off -14th April. $15 casual.

Email: yoga@teneriffe-yoga.com
Ph: 0413151995
## New Farm State School Athletics Carnival - Overview

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| Year 3   | Born 2008 | Senior sports days – Track Day at New Farm Park only | 80m sprint  
200m sprint  
Mini hurdles  
400m | House points and race ribbons |
| Year 3 or 4 | Born 2007 | Senior sports days – Field Events Day at school – Track Day at New Farm Park | Long Jump, High Jump, Shot Put, Discus  
80m sprint  
200m sprint  
800m | House points, race ribbons and Age Champion  
Can lead to District participation |
| Year 4 or 5 | Born 2006 | AS ABOVE | Long Jump, High Jump, Shot Put, Discus  
80m sprint  
200m sprint  
800m | House points, race ribbons and Age Champion  
Can lead to District participation |
| Year 5 or 6 | Born 2005 | AS ABOVE | Long Jump, High Jump, Shot Put, Discus  
80m sprint  
200m sprint  
800m | House points, race ribbons and Age Champion  
Can lead to District participation |
| Year 6   | Born 2004 | AS ABOVE | Long Jump, High Jump, Shot Put, Discus  
80m sprint  
200m sprint  
800m | House points, race ribbons and Age Champion  
Can lead to District participation |

### Structure of School Sport at New Farm SS

As students’ progress through sport activities at New Farm SS they begin in groupings based on Year level rather than age to accommodate their needs for peer related competition. In the older Year levels they are required to be grouped in competition based on their age for school sport for District and Regional competitions. The difficulty of mid-year bracketing of the Prep starting age has led to some of those in Year 3 who turn 9 in this calendar year being required to be in sport age groupings for District selection, whilst some are still precluded from selection because they are only turning 8 in this calendar year whilst in Year 3.
A few weeks ago I included in the Newsletter some information about Literacy. Literacy is an essential skill in almost all of the work and play that we participate in in the school environment as well as being a vital skill for engagement within the family and the wider community. Parents can support their children’s literacy development at home. The best ways to do this are by choosing enjoyable activities that fit in with your family’s daily routines. Please find below a fact sheet with some useful information and ideas for supporting Literacy Development in the Early Years of school.
Literacy Fact sheet
Supporting your child in Prep to Year 3

In Years 1 to 3, children use language in increasingly complex and unfamiliar situations. They learn to use the language necessary for different purposes such as reading and writing stories, lists, recipes and reports, and understanding charts and diagrams.

Children will speak and write about real-life and imagined events and experiences and learn ways to improve their written work through drafting and editing.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child’s progress please contact your child’s teacher.

Activities to do with your child
Here are some simple yet effective activities you can do with your child to help them apply the literacy skills they learn at school:
• Keep blank paper and pencils handy at home for writing activities
• Read with and to your child every day
• Have your child collect and sort the mail — who are the letters for and who are they from?
• Create a collage using junk mail, old magazines or your child’s drawings with a particular focus — this could include pictures of things beginning with an “s” sound or all pictures showing a particular colour
• Make a scrapbook — this could be about a holiday or special event, and have your child write captions for the photos and pictures
• Make your kitchen a ‘cooking’ zone and a ‘reading’ zone — use fridge magnets to make new words and short sentences, or have your child write the weekly shopping list and read names on packages
• Play word games and do crosswords to help develop spelling and vocabulary
• Keep a dictionary in an easily accessible place — show your child how it can be used for a variety of purposes and accessed while word processing on a computer
• Make the writing of letters, notes, cards or emails a daily family activity — you can write notes to your child and encourage them to write notes back to you.

For more information about how you can help your child with literacy visit www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map or contact your child’s teacher or school.

Literacy and Numeracy
Supporting your child

SPEECH PATHOLOGY - New Farm
• Children & Adults
• Speech sounds
• Language difficulties
• Reading and Spelling difficulties
• Pre Literacy skills
• Stuttering
T: 0413 307 167
E: dimity.williams@speech-pathologists.com.au
Please find attached to today’s newsletter the run down for the Athletics Carnival.

**Free Girls Cricket Development Sessions**

The Girls Cricket Development Session is designed to promote girls cricket. The format being a ‘Come n Try’ afternoon with numerous Skill Drills being offered. Members of the Queensland Fire and Queensland Cricket will be in attendance as well as Regional Officials from all participating Regions.

The Development sessions are open to all girls aged 10-15 years old (as at 31 December 2016). There are no special clothing or personal cricket gear requirements.

**Tuesday 9 August**
Valleys Cricket Club
Yoku Rd
Ashgrove
4.00 pm – 6.00 pm

**RSVP** Friday 5 August 2016 – an expression of interest form is to be submitted to the convenor by this date for catering purposes – please see Mr Rainbow or contact the convenor directly.

For any further information contact the convenor Cath Sandurski
Email: csandurski@stmc.qld.edu.au
**Instrumental Teacher - Colin McIntyre**

After the “fanfare” performance for the year 5 and 6 students two weeks ago it is the year 4s turn to be involved in a unique performance this week. The “beginner band blitz”, held at the Old Museum building on Gregory Terrace, is a one day concert band workshop with nearly 300 students from 16 inner city north side schools attending.

Our 23 year 4 instrumental music students will be distributed across 3 different 90 piece concert bands. The day culminates in a concert at this fabulous and historic venue and our best wishes go to the students participating.

This music camp actually runs over 3 days, with 647 students in total, including workshops at Aspley SS and Bracken Ridge SHS and I will be on staff at those camps as a trade-off for our kids attending.

This means there will be no instrumental music program, band or lessons, on Wednesday of this week.

Happy Music Making, Mr Colin McIntyre.

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**Teacher Librarian-  Narelle Hoelzl**

**Premiers Reading Challenge**

The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is an annual statewide initiative for state and non-state schools and home-educated students up to Year 9, and children attending early childhood centres. Over the past eleven years, more than 10 million books have been read, and in 2015 alone more than 138,500 students and children participated in the challenge.

The challenge is not a competition but aims to improve literacy and encourage children to read widely for pleasure and learning. Students can participate in the challenge within their school or as individual readers (home-educated students or students whose schools are not participating in the program).

For a student to successfully complete the challenge they must read or experience the allocated number of books for their year level during the reading period. Students who complete the challenge have their efforts recognised through the receipt of a Certificate of Achievement signed by the Premier of Queensland.

Please return completed forms to the library by Friday 26th August.
Specialist Music Teacher – Marina Thacker

Thank you to all the Year 3 children who attended the Northey Street Fair at the weekend. It’s always wonderful to hear the lovely voices of our Year 3 choir. Thank you to all our New Farm parents for accompanying the students to the Fair. Thank you to Dr McGrath, Mr Fitzgerald and Ms Maslen for attending and watching the children perform.

The 2016 City Cluster Student Leadership Program

This year, New Farm student leaders are once again participating in the City Cluster Student Leadership Program. The Program aims to support primary student leaders in facilitating a major project that contributes to their school community and leaves a legacy. The program will:

- Develop student leadership and mentoring skills
- Develop student agency through action research projects
- Provide opportunity for collaboration between senior and primary students

Our student leaders learn to:

- Build team collaboration
- Create a solution to a problem at their school
- Develop and implement a project plan
- Leave a legacy that adds to the school community
On April 26th, the six Project Group leaders; Bronte, Brittany, Freya, Elyse, Luca and Gibson, attended the Queensland Academy of Creative Industries (QACI) for a full-day program. In the morning we headed to the QACI theatre where staff of yLead taught us teamwork exercises to use with our fellow New Farm leaders and student leaders from other schools in our cluster. yLead is an organisation whose mission is to support Australian schools in developing a generation of confident, motivated and skilled young leaders who are capable and willing to make a positive difference in our changing world. Later that day we met our Year 11 mentors, QACI students Kirra and Perrin, who would help us through the journey of creating this year’s project: The New Farm State School Year Book. For the rest of the day we discussed how we would commence our journey and the future plans for the year book.

Since that first day, we have held meetings with both our Project Coordinator, Mr Conde and Kirra and Perrin to ensure we are on track with our project. On 24th May our mentors came to our school and discussed our progress. On 31st May we went to QACI once again to present our project in front of student leaders, mentors and teachers from all twelve City Cluster schools. Our presentation outlined the project description, cost and process to date. We also mentioned what is working well, the challenges we have overcome and our plans to complete the project. Giving this presentation really encouraged us and gave us confidence to finish what we have started. Currently we have finished the contents page of the Year book and we have begun putting the book contents together.

Written by Brittany, Elyse and Bronte
**Social Skills** - Each week of this Term a Social Skill is chosen to highlight a lesson from our School Rules (Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be a Learner). This week our Social skills will be “Very Slowly, No Rush” which is from our school rule of Be A Learner.

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**Very Slowly, No Rush**

**Focus:**
Learning to problem solve is a very useful tool at home and at school. Building and sticking to Coping Step Plans will help students feel more confident and in control. Students should stay on the step until they feel really happy and can do that step easily. If the step seems too hard, it’s probably too big. Add a smaller step in between.

**Looks Like:**
- Students working on new things.
- Students happy in class and in the playground.

**Sounds Like:**
- “I can do this but I’ll have to take my time” “I think I need another step or more time”.
- Encouraging words.
- Praising other’s efforts.

**Feels Like:**
- It feels great to reach your goal.
New Farm State School **Trivia Night** - Date Saver – Saturday 23 July.

This is a wonderful fun and entertaining night for all.

Here at Each year at New Farm we have many generous families supporting all our fundraising events. If you would like to help our fundraising committee with a kind donation of a door prize or raffle prize or Hamper of goods from your business, please contact our Trivia night committee.

This event is a fun evening, so think about getting a table of friends together to attend.

**This event is for Parents/Adults only** (no children to attend)

Contact Jenny Larsen jenlarsen@optusnet.com.au or
Katrina Wallwork katrina_chiu@mac.com

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**ICAS**- Internationals Competitions and Assessments for Schools 2016.

_You should have now received your invoices for the competition you entered your child for. Please pay for these invoices as a matter of urgency._

The competitions are open to students from Years 3 to 6 and are not compulsory. Entries have now closed.

For those students competing, they are being held in Term 2 and Term 3 on the dates below:

**Term 2**: **Writing** Tuesday 14 June and **Spelling** Wednesday 15 June.

**Term 3**: **English** Tuesday 02 August, **Maths** Tuesday 16 August.

_Students should arrive from 7.30am for a prompt start at 7.45am. The Competitions will be held at the school library._
**General Classroom Awards**

**Term 2 Week 8**

Congratulation to the following children on receiving awards in week 8.

Prep B- Leo and Emile

2G- Asher, Thalia and Isaac.

3F- Ruby

4F- Paige, Hudson and Ace.

5W- Jade and Jude.

**Social Skill Award**

Congratulation to the following children on receiving awards in week 8.

5W- Jack and Chisako.

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**P & C Fundraising- EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST: Bakers wanted**

The P&C is looking for bakers to assist with making cakes, slices and other sweet things for the Election Day Bake Stall.

Our regular parent bakers are not around as the Election is on 2 July - in the middle of school holidays and Teneriffe Festival.

So we would love to hear from you if you’re around for school holidays – we need volunteers for baking, setting up the stall and assisting for an hour or so on the day.

The classic and simple cakes and slices sell very well (so please don’t think you need to be Masterchef standard to participate!)

Any help appreciated. Please contact Janelle Moody on ismlaw@ozemail.com.au or 0419 719 796.

The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 14 June at 6pm.
ON LINE ORDERING

To order on line please go to www.flexischools.com.au it is quick and easy to use. We encourage everyone to do this as you can order in advance or for the whole term. Cut off time is 8.00am for both Wednesday and Friday.

FlexiSchools - Online Ordering and Cashless Schools

www.flexischools.com.au

Flexischools is the fast and secure way to order and pay for canteen, uniforms, events, excursions, fundraisers and fees - everything in and around your school!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

If you have pre-ordered on line and your child is going to be absent from school you will need to cancel the order before 8.00am with Flexischools otherwise it will still go through as an order. With the system we cannot change or cancel orders from the tuckshop.

COUNTER ORDERS

If you do order over the counter please have it before 9.00am otherwise we cannot guarantee that we will have all the menu items available. Please clearly mark your child's name and class and be careful not include foreign coins as the bank does not accept these. We do prefer you to order on line though as it is more efficient and saves you having to wait in line to place an order.

ROSTER - June 10th

Tuckshop - Nicole Cabezas
Counter - Dimity Williams
Baking - Laura Watson, Cath Byrne, Skye McKay, Sam Bryce, Nancy Cowell, Mehera Milne and Dimity Williams

Thank you,
Terri-Anne
Q Schools App

Thank you to all our Families who have already downloaded the Q Schools App. We have nearly reached our target of every family having access to this app. We are hoping all families will do so as matter of urgency. Schools mobile app includes an exciting push notification feature which offers a direct communication channel from our school.

To be able to receive important messages instantly to your mobile device (push notifications):

1. Download the free [QSchools app](#).
2. If you already have the app, please ensure it is up-to-date, as out-dated versions will not receive notifications.
3. Make sure you have selected our school as your favourite school.

You are now ready to receive important school messages direct to your mobile device.

Allowing push notifications means we can keep you up-to-date with critical information, health alerts and weather warnings.

If you have any queries, please feel free to contact Elena Anderson, BSM on 3358 7333 or visit our office for help in downloading the App.

SCHOOL BANKING

**FRIDAYS from 8.30am to 9.00am OUTSIDE THE LIBRARY AT New Farm State School.**

If you would like to choose a prize please do so before the first bell at 8.45am.

Week 8- 92 Students made banking deposits.

**There are only 2 weeks left of banking this Term.**

Please collect any unclaimed prizes.

Please leave tokens in your bank book. These tokens cannot be shared with your siblings. Please contact our banking volunteers on a Friday if you have any questions regarding these tokens.

The Youth Saver account requires one deposit and no withdrawals in the month to earn the bonus interest.

Fill in your own bank book and you can chose a prize from the volunteers. For every three deposits one entry goes into the draw for a Mary Ryan Book voucher.

Contact Karen Ridoutt (ridoutt@optusnet.com.au or 0412 004 644)
Dear Parents, carers and students,

My name is Karen Ridoutt and I am a parent at NFSS. Along with a few other parents; Teniell Jocumsen, Rachel Kendrick, Jenny Larsen, Wendy Peard, Nadine Jenkins and Kim Middleton; I am a volunteer and School Banking Coordinator.

We just wanted to introduce ourselves and let you know a little bit about how School Banking works at NFSS.

- Banking is done at the school on Friday mornings from approximately 8.15am until 10am on the balcony outside the Library. Please have your bank books to us before 9am.
- There is no banking on the first and last Friday of every term
- School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way to learn about money and develop good savings habits
- It’s also a great fundraising activity, with our school receiving 5% of every individual deposit made at school (up to $10 commission per transaction). (We appreciate any larger amounts e.g. Birthday gift money, as we do not receive the 5% commission if the deposit is made at a branch)
- School banking is run through the Commonwealth Bank with primary schools participating nationally. Children who deposit money into their Youth saver Account through school banking earn Dollarmite Tokens which can be redeemed for exciting rewards.
- Certificates are also given to students to help encourage saving. At the beginning of the New Year the certificate tally will start from zero; and when 10 deposits are made, a Bronze Certificate is issued; 20 deposits a Silver and 30 deposits a Gold Certificate is issued. TO REACH GOLD BY THE END OF THE YEAR, YOU NEED TO BANK NEARLY EVERY POSSIBLE FRIDAY. Come and talk to us if you are going away and we can help you not miss a deposit!
- Certificates start from zero at the beginning of the year and will NOT tally with the amount of tokens you have
- This year’s new prize coupons are enclosed in the Commonwealth Bank letter you will receive with your bank book when you make your first deposit at school this year
- When you have made 10 deposits and have 10 tokens you can choose a prize
- Please keep your tokens in your bank book. It makes it easier for us to keep tally as we are only allowed 1 adjustment per year.
- Please bring your bank books to us as soon as you arrive at school to help us process all the deposits. You will see the signs up to remind you
- Prizes and rewards are announced on assembly. Please advise us if your child does not want to be mentioned at assembly
- Rewards can be collected from us the following week
- THE YOUTHSAVER ACCOUNT IS DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE SAVING. TO RECEIVE THE BONUS INTEREST ON THE ACCOUNT YOU NEED TO MAKE ONE DEPOSIT AND NO WITHDRAWALS PER MONTH (otherwise the interest is very minimal)
- There is no minimum $ amount for deposits. 5c, 10c or 50c is fine and very common. It’s more about learning the habit of regular saving
- We encourage children to fill in the bank book themselves. We can help them with this if you are rushing to get to school
- If we are busy and you don’t have any questions, the bank books can be placed in the green bucket on our table
- Younger siblings who are not yet at school are very welcome to deposit with us also. Just put a note in for their first deposit explaining they are a sibling and elastic band it together with the student’s bank book.

Please let us know if you would like to volunteer as we are always looking for an extra pair of hands!
Thank you for your time in reading this information and we hope it is helpful. Please come and see us if you have any other questions or send me an email.

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First, a big thank you to all the families who have supported our school’s P&C - both financially, and via attendance at our social events and monthly meetings. And thank you too, to the many families who have already made their 2016 voluntary contribution.

Just to give you a snapshot . . . with your help, we’ve already achieved some great things that would not have been possible otherwise. These include the artist in residence program, renovation of the library, the fabulous new creative arts centre, an annual subscription to Mathletics, arts excursions for all grades and a new playground (soon to be installed).

Essential projects planned and just underway. This year we have two essential areas to focus on. And they’re big . . .

The air conditioning rollout is now underway. Last term we were delighted to be able to fund the prep rooms, the library and the former LOTE room, which is now being used as a classroom. For these three areas alone, the P&C paid out $33,000, in addition to our usual term contribution of $20,000 to the school.

The air conditioning of these areas has made a massive difference to both the children and staff who use them daily. It is well documented that children’s learning outcomes are far higher when they are taught in cool rooms - and everybody is far happier too!

We are keen to roll the same benefits out across the rest of the school as quickly as possible, but a project like this does not come cheap. Overall, we are looking at a cost of around $150,000.

The second focus is on technology. As we all know, IT literacy is essential to live well in our world today. Our ICT committee is working closely with the school to research the best option for effective teaching and improved learning outcomes, and early indications are that this is going to require funding in the region of $80,000.

How can you help? If we knew that every family would contribute $100 this year, we could say yes to air conditioning the downstairs rooms in A Block right now. These contributions really can make the difference between projects happening and not.

While the P&C nominally suggests a family contribution of $100, we welcome any donation - big or small. Whether you can spare a one-off donation of $10, $100 or $1000, or ongoing scheduled direct deposit payments, all contributions go towards improving the facilities, programs and overall environment for all of our children.

Do you have a business? There are tax deductible options for parents who run their own businesses and wish to donate to VECS. These donations contribute specifically to our school’s Building Fund.

For any parents or local businesses who would be interested in sponsoring a part of this year’s focus programs and be recognised across the school, packages are available with appropriate benefits. Please advise on the form if you are interested in sponsorship.

Make your commitment today. Please return the attached form with your contribution to the box in the school office or by email to PandC@newfarmss.eq.edu.au by Friday 3 June 2016.

Rachel Kendrick
P&C President
Voluntary Education Contribution Form

Please complete details below so we can provide you with a receipt:

Name: ________________________________________________________________________

Email address: _________________________________________________________________

Student and year: ______________________________________________________________

Contribution amount: ___________________________________________________________

I would especially like my contribution to be used for:

- New classrooms and other building-related developments, including air conditioning. THIS IS A TAX DEDUCTIBLE OPTION and payments should be made to our Building Fund
- Technology - not tax deductible
- Learning resources (books, teaching materials, etc) - not tax deductible

Payment methods

Direct deposit
I have set up an ongoing direct deposit to the P&C or Building Fund account for $______each month

I have deposited $______ directly into the P&C or Building Fund account on date: _____________

General account: NFSS P&C BSB: 064 119 Account: 00900135

Building Fund: NFSS P&C Building Fund BSB: 064 119 Account: 10252449 (TAX DEDUCTIBLE)

Credit card:
Please debit my Visa Mastercard

For the amount of: ________________________________________________________________

Credit card number: _ _ _ _   _ _ _ _   _ _ _ _   _ _ _ _   Expiry date: __/__

Cardholder’s name: __________________________________________________________________

Cardholder’s signature: __________________________________________________________________

Email (receipts will be sent to this address): __________________________________________________________________

Cheque
Please make cheques payable to either NFSS P&C or NFSS P&C Building Fund, and attach this form and cheque and mail to The P&C Treasurer, New Farm State School, Cnr James & Heal Streets, New Farm, QLD 4005.

Cash
Please take any cash contributions directly to the office.

Thank you for your support - we really appreciate it and all of our children benefit from it
Books for Fiji Schools.

As we are all aware earlier this year Fiji was hit by two devastating cyclone that destroyed many home and schools. Recovery from this is a long hard process and during the June/July school holidays I am taking Tabbitha & Zachary to Fiji on holidays and see this as an opportunity to help the Fijian people in the recovery process.

I have arranged with the airline an additional 60kg of luggage so we can take resources and I am currently discussing with the local Fijian community which village schools in the area around Nadi require the most assistance. If you have books that are in good condition suitable for children of all ages, please leave them *(in the box outside the office)* by Thursday 23rd June.

I thank-you in advance on behalf of Fijian children and their families.

Peter Beatton