From the Principal- Dr Carmel McGrath

Thank you to Ms Thacker for organising the performance of the Year 2 and 3 Choirs and the New Farm Beats. What a wonderful Mini Music Concert. The students have been rehearsing with their Choir or ensemble and looking forward to showing an audience their performance. Performing in front of an audience takes some courage and concentration. Thank you to all our parents for coming along to support the students. Thank you to Mrs Banney for taking the time to play the piano on Fridays.

P&C Committee Fundraiser for Air Conditioning Classrooms

Free Dress Day- Friday 24 June 2016

$2 per Student- Funds go towards the new Air-Con

Athletics Carnival for Years 3 to 6 - Tuesday 21 June. Students to arrive at school as normal.

Students in Years 3-6 will walk to New Farm Park to compete in their Track events. (Permission required to attend). Please ensure your child brings their own lunch and sufficient water for the whole day. **There are no canteen facilities available.** Please make sure all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child’s name, that your child has also applied sunscreen and has their school broad brimmed hat. They are permitted to wear a shirt in their house colour.

**Athletics Carnival for Prep- Year 2 (Rescheduled) Wednesday 22 June 9am School Oval.** All Welcome! Don’t forget to wear your house colours. Please ensure your child is on time for their class roll marking and has sufficient food, water for the morning’s events and have applied sunscreen.

Report Cards for Semester 1 2016. We will be emailing your child’s Report Card this week to your preferred address.

**School Watch- 131788**
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 22 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.

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**School Holiday from Saturday 25 June to Sunday 10 July 2016.**

**New Farm State School 2016 Year Book** - We would like to offer families the opportunity to purchase a Year Book. The proposal is in the planning process. Thank you to Mr Conde for his valuable input thus far. In order for this to come to fruition we need the consent and commitment of all families to include all students in the Year Book. This will be a book to purchase for the school community. It will not be published on our school website. In the coming weeks will be seeking special signed permission from each family to include their child’s class photo in this book. That means the inclusion of your full child’s name with this photo.
Other photos we will include will be from events and excursion over the school years e.g. Class room music and choirs, LOTE, Instrumental music students, Sports carnivals, Gala sports days, Incurious and excursions, Camps, Anzac Day ceremony, Naidoc week celebrations and Chinese New Year.

P&C Committee

Please support our latest fundraiser for the Trivia Night Saturday 23 July.

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Life Education ‘Talk about it ‘program – Dates Revised: Year 5 and 6 Thursday 23 and Friday 24 June 2016. Life education has been facilitating quality primary and secondary education for over 35 years. These programs are designed to motivate and empower young people to make smart life choices for a healthy future.
Year 6 Thursday 23 June 9am-11am Class 6R.
Thursday 23 June 11am-1.15pm Class 6C.
Year 5 Friday 24 June 9am-11am Class 5D
Friday 24 June 11am-1.15pm Class 5W.

Year 5 & 6 Check out Life Education’s Parent Hub where you will find helpful resources, links to great articles and ideas about how you can start those conversations with your kids about healthy lifestyles. There’s also suggestions for how you can engage with your kids about what they learned in the Life Education program.

http://www.lifeeducation.org.au/parents

Year 5 and 6 Lote Cultural Excursion- Thursday 21 July, 2016. Your child has received a letter outlining the details of this event. Students will travel to the Chung Tian Buddhist Temple at Priestdale by bus. They will have a guided tour in the temple and visit the museum to see the replica of the entombed warriors for Qin Dynasty, practice Chinese Tai-Chi, mediation, Chinese calligraphy, taste Chinese tea and strike the wishing bell. After the temple students will have a Chinese banquet at Mt Gravatt before returning to school. Please return your signed permission and menu choice along with your payment by Friday 17 June. Bpoint is our preferred payment option.

Whole School Dance Program- Term 3. All students received a letter and invoice outlining the up and coming dance program. As the major component of our Arts Program for 2016, students will be participating in a weekly dance lesson with a qualified teacher from Creative Dance Industries. These lessons will begin in Week 1 of Term 3. The cost is $18 per student for the 8 week program. The course will culminate with a showcase for parents where students perform for the school community on Saturday 10 September. Please return your signed permission and payment by Wednesday 22 June. Bpoint is our preferred payment option.

Year 5 Camp 2016 – Emu Gully, Helidon. Wednesday 17 August to Friday 19 August. Your child has received an information letter regarding this school camp. 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 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.

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
Canberra Trip 2016 for Year 6 Students - 29 August - 02 September. Thank you to all parents who are making regular payments towards the Canberra Trip for this year. An invoice for Payment 3 for $250 will be sent home with your child this week. If you have any concerns please contact our Business Service Manager Elena Anderson on 3358 7333 during school hours.

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

Every day at school counts. Please find the following link to the brochure on attendance. This is also attached to today’s newsletter.


Lost Property - As we move into the cooler months when students start requiring a jacket in the mornings, please ensure you have named all items coming to school. This make the return of any items much easier. We already have quite a few jackets, hats, lunchboxes and containers in our lost property area. Please check the lost property located under A Block near the uniform shop.

Community & Charity Food and Money Drive for 139 Club

On Thursday 16th June, the Community & Charity Group members organised a food and cash drive for the 139 Club in New Farm. On behalf of the group, we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who donated food and/or cash. We raised $463 and collected dozens and dozens of cans of food as well as other food products that they desperately require on a continual basis.

The 139 Club depends on food and cash donations from the public to feed and provide a sanctuary for the homeless and is very appreciative of our efforts.

Thank you one and all.

Written by Bronte on behalf of the Community & Charity Group.
From time to time we become aware that there are some negative comments being shared by students via social media. While social media is used in the home environment, issues arising from this use do impact on the school environment, they become a distraction from learning and cause conflict in the playground. Please find below information from e-safety about how to support your child on social networks.


Safe social networking

How can I support my child to be safe on social networks?

Social networks can be a great experience for your kids and there are a number of ways that you can play a part in helping them enjoy their benefits.

These include:

- **Staying involved**

  Establish your own account on the sites they use and learn about the privacy settings. Don’t be intimidated by new technologies – understanding how these sites work may help you feel more comfortable with your kids exploring these spaces.

- **Checking ‘terms of use’**

  Terms of use for each social media service covers the rules for using the site, the type of content that can be posted and any age requirements. Read these to your child to make sure they understand what is expected of them.
• **Being aware of age guidelines**

   It is useful to consider whether you are comfortable with the content and the potential for contact with others including teens and adults on each site. Consider whether your child is socially ready to manage contacts and look out for the age ratings set by app stores to help identify age suitable content.

• **Setting rules**

   Make sure your child knows what information they can share or post and encourage them to tell you before they join new networks and before they post any personal information, including their full name, address or school.

• **Establishing safe personal profiles**

   Ensure they don’t put too much personal information online. Help them create user names or IDs that do not communicate gender, age, name or location and are not sexually provocative.

• **Establishing privacy**

   Ensure your child’s account is set to the strongest privacy setting so only their circle of friends can view their information, tag them in a photograph or share posts. Many sites have privacy protection information and safety tips.

• **Encouraging thinking first**

   Encourage your kids to think before they put anything online, even among trusted friends and remind them that once shared, information and photos can be difficult or impossible to remove and may have a long-term impact on their digital reputation.

• **Promoting respectful communication**

   Advise your child to stay respectful and be nice online and to avoid responding to any negative messages and report any they receive to you or another trusted adult.

• **Checking review sites**

   The Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner has prepared a guide to popular social sites and apps. NetAware (UK) and Commonsense Media are also useful sites.
Specialist Education Program Teacher – Danielle Schneider.

The keyboarding Club has been running with a high level of success! We are carefully making our way through the different stages and levels, increasing typing capabilities and exercising fine motor skills at the same time.

We have commenced a trial of a before school stretch club starting from week 10 of term 2. Each session will run for 15 minutes and will be held 2-3 days a week. Stretching is a great way to calm our minds, move our bodies, and stay in the moment. This will ensure that our brains are activated, energised and ready for learning.

There is an abundance of research available supporting the use of mindfulness to create positive pathways. In turn, these pathways support reason capabilities and controlled thought. Research has also shown that meditation and mindfulness can support focus in the classroom, increasing students’ concentration levels and time ‘on task’. ABC’S catalyst program recently aired a segment on discussing the ability to alter the brain through training ourselves to stay in the moment. If you are interested in watching please click on the link below.

http://www.abc.net.au/catalyst/stories/4477405.htm

Master Teacher – Kay Bradley

What Do Teachers Actually Do on Planning Days?

Over the next final two weeks of Term each teacher will have a day with no class contact, to plan cooperatively as part of a year level team. Large amount of coffee is drunk, but what is really happening?

During these planning days, teachers use a number of tools, to ensure the relevant content will be taught in each subject area, in term three. Then working together, teachers design assessment tasks that will allow learners to demonstrate their understanding of knowledge and skills.

Developing this framework for the term is followed by more detailed individual planning. At this stage, the individual lessons are developed by each teacher and take into account their learners and their own teaching styles. Some of these learning experiences may differ, but the content and assessment for each subject area will consistent.
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.

Saturday 2 July 2016
Polling Booths here at New Farm State School.
Please support the P&C Fundraising Stall and Sausage Sizzle
Arrive Safe Leave Safe

Focus
To ensure that students arrive at school safely and travel home safely. This social skill reinforces the use of the crossings available, travelling directly to and from school and ensuring safety when using the drop off zone.

Looks Like
• Students going directly home/to school, either walking, riding their bike / scooter, in a car
• Wearing helmets with bikes and scooters
• Using crossings correctly
• Supervising siblings
• Concentrating on surroundings
• Waiting inside the school fence

Sounds Like
• Listening to the crossing supervisor
• Listening for traffic

Feels Like
• Being safe
• Being responsible together
When: Wednesday the 22nd of June @ 2 p.m.
Where: Assembly Hall
Who: Year 4, 5 & 6

‘True Culture’. An Aboriginal Australian program presented by Indigenous Artists using dance, music and visual arts.

Cost: $8 (Exact Cash Only)

Money will be collected on the day, by the class teacher. Do not send to the office, thanks.
ELECTION DAY BAKE STALL – Saturday, 2 July 2016

Thank you to the baking and serving volunteers who are able to help for the Election Day Bake Stall.

It’s not too late to volunteer. The classic and simple cupcakes, brownies, cakes and slices sell very well (so please don’t think you need to be Masterchef standard to participate!)

Packaging is available for bakers on Wednesday afternoon after school or Friday morning before school (on the blocks outside the Tuckshop).

Please drop off baked goods on Election Day from 7am to the Tuckshop.

Any queries, please contact Janelle Moody on jsmlaw@ozemail.com.au or 0419 719 796.

P&C Committee would like to acknowledge and thank the following local businesses for the wonderful support of our Election Day Fundraising endeavours

McGrath Estate Agents- Sherrie Storor
**Principals Awards** - This Term our focus on reading over all year levels has resulted in some wonderful improvements from many students. I would like to acknowledge the reading improvement of the following students. Congratulations on your efforts this Term.

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**Assembly Awards for General Classroom Awards for week 9 and 10**

Congratulations to the following recipients on receiving an award.

| Prep N- Francis | 3F- Ruby, Joseph, Finn, Francesca |
| Prep B- Kane, Eva | 3F- Scarlet, Ella, Edward |
| Prep R- Sander | 4F- Euan, Leila, Willa |
| 1 FW- Nerea, Allegra, Chloe, Eva. | 4F- Zac, Ingrid, Evie |
| 1B- Addison, Quinn | 4D- Tiana, Henry, Jea, Thomas, Gala, Oliver |
| 1/2T- Hazel | 5D- Alex, Taylah, Coco |
| 2C- Nicholas, Pippa, Jackson | 5W- Brad, Ashton |

**Assembly Awards for Social Skills awards for Week 9 and 10**

Congratulations to the following recipients on receiving an award.

| Prep R- Caspar | 5W- Simson and Balin |
New Farm State School **Trivia Night** - Date Saver – Saturday 23 July.

Now is the time to get into Trivia Mode. The night is fast approaching. Book your table now!! Complete the Trivia RSVP form attached and pay by cash or cheque (box in the office) or via Flexischools (will be available later in the week). You can also buy your raffle tickets on flexischools or when they come home with your child.

It will be an awesome night and we hope to see lots of you there.

If you need us to put a table together for you just let us know!

A special mention to all our wonderful sponsors that have supported this event.

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

Join us for a fun filled night of trivia to raise funds for our wonderful school!

Date: July 23

Time: 7.00pm for 7.30pm

Where: NFSS Hall

Cost: $45 per person / $450 per table

Food: Dinner is included. No BYO Drinks (drinks are to be purchased at the bar on the night). Homemade desserts, tea, and coffee will be provided. BYO nibbles for your table.

RSVP: Reservations to be received and paid by the 15th of July. Cheques must be made payable to: ‘New Farm State School P&C’. Payment and this form to be put in the ticket box located at the office. Any queries, please contact Jen Larsen at jenlarsen@optusnet.com.au.

Personal Details:

Name: ________________________________

Captain’s Name: _______________________

Contact Details: (email / mobile) ________________________________

Attendance:

I would like to reserve a table for 10 people @ $450 per table

I would like to reserve a place for ________ people @ $45 per person

Payment:

I will pay cash ☐

I will pay cheque ☐ Amount enclosed: _______________

I will pay using Flexischools Website ☐
TUCKSHOP NEWS

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 24th

Tuckshop - Pip Boyce
Counter - Lyn Zollo
Baking - Laura Watson, Kirsten Medland, Bec Litchfield, Jennifer Brock, Fiona Caniglia and Mehera Milne

Thank you,
Terri-Anne
Community Education Program Update

Now is the time to re-book or select your activities for Term 3!

Classes will begin in week 2 of the school term, and will run for 8 weeks (in most cases, but not all). Check the brochure carefully for specific start dates, class times and course length. Be quick to secure a spot in your preferred class(es) – first come, first served until classes reach capacity.

What’s on offer for kids?

We’ve got the Arts covered: ‘Art with Meredith’ classes on Monday (wait list), Creative Workshops on Tuesday, Creative Dance on Tuesday/Thursday, and Drama on Fridays. Please check age restrictions/divisions and ensure you apply for the appropriate session.

There are active pursuits like Judo-Monday, Gymnastics-Wednesday, and Karate-Friday.

Chessmates -Tuesday and Language (French-Thursday, Mandarin-Friday) classes for kids are offered in term 2 as well.

What’s on offer for adults?

Get your groove on in Zumba-style Aerobics, strengthen your body with a FIT.30 workout, or morning/evening Pilates classes, or start your day with a Sunrise Yoga session. Sing or strum a tune in Choir or Ukulele, or try your hand at the game of Mahjong. Broaden your linguistic, cultural or culinary horizons in one of our French, Italian or Japanese courses or weekend workshops.

For all ages:

Private music lessons (Guitar, Instrumental, Piano, Vocal) continue to be very popular! We have a few openings for Piano with Leana (Wednesday/Friday) and Guitar with James (Wednesday). Please enquire via email for lesson time availability. A wait list is in place for those who cannot take up one of the lesson times currently on offer.

For all enquiries or to register for a class, please email: nfsscommunityed@live.com.au

*Note – CEP Coordinator does not work onsite at the school. For this reason, the most efficient method for enrolment is via email. Forms that are dropped off at the school office or sent via the post will be collected regularly, but not necessarily every day. Email communication will be the quickest way to confirm your placement in a class.
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

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 10-79 Students made banking deposits.

No banking this week the 24 June.

School Banking will resume Week 2 Term 3 Friday 22 July 2016.

Please collect any unclaimed prizes.

If you have lost your Bank Book please see the coordinator they are easily replaced.

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)

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Jabiru Holiday Program

Science, circus, sport and more at Jabiru for the June July holidays

Jabiru Kids has planned a great program of activities for the June July holidays. We’ll make art and music and create weird whirring widgets as well as play great games and do science and cooking activities.

Chill out with our yoga class, and try indoor rock climbing on our Rocksports excursion.

Jabiru Kids New Farm opens from 6.30am to 6pm over the holidays. We even serve breakfast!

The full program is available from Jabiru New Farm or online at [www.jabiru.org.au](http://www.jabiru.org.au)

Jabiru vacation care is cheaper than you think, especially for people entitled to Child Care Benefit:

Call Jabiru’s admin team for a quote on 3269 0044.
Our P&C needs our parents’ help . . .

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