From the Principal- Dr Carmel McGrath

Year Book 2016 permission letter- Thank you to the many families who have returned their permission this week. To make this project a reality we encourage all families to be involved by giving permission for your child’s class photo to be included in this book. The children’s photo including full name, a selection of works and art works may also be chosen to be included.

If you require any clarification of this process please contact me by telephone 3358 7333 or via email admin@newfarmss.eq.edu.au during school hours. We would like to have this process completed by Wednesday 17 August. Please find attached to today’s newsletter email, the required forms to complete.

P&C Meeting Tuesday 16 August 6pm in the school library. All welcome. The architects will be attending and presenting preliminary plans for the new Prep building.

Obstathon – Friday 9 September. Our yearly OBSTATHON, which is based on fun and physical activity, is scheduled for Friday 9 September. This year proceeds will proudly go towards the purchase of new iPads for our Prep students.

If you do not wish your child to participate, please complete the section of the letter which was sent home today. Please return the opt out form to the school office by Friday 26 August 2016.

ICAS Maths- Students participating in the ICAS Competitions are reminded that the final test is Tuesday 16 August (Maths) in the school Library at 7.45am.

This week our Year 5 Students will be going on their camp to Emu Gully (Wednesday 17 - Friday 19 August). We wish them a safe and fun time at the camp. Thank you to Mr Brett Wilson and Mrs Jan Dickens for their efforts in preparing the children for the camp.
Thank you to those families who continue to advise the office staff of any absences. We have had a great response to the new email address for absences. If you are late for school please obtain a late slip from the office prior to proceeding to the classroom. Absence Line 3358 7333 Option 1 (24 Hours a day) or email absences@newfarmss.eq.edu.au please email before 9am.

**Year 3 City Hall excursion**-Thursday 18 August 2016. This excursion to a culmination of a unit of work called our History Change and Continuity unit. The students will leave New Farm at approximately 9.30am and return to school by 2.30pm. The students will eat lunch in King George Square after their visit to the City hall. Please pack morning tea, lunch and a drink bottle. Students will be required to wear their full school uniform including their wide brimmed hat and sunscreen please. Please return your signed permission and payment as a matter of urgency.

Last Thursday we hosted a group of Principal’s from a number of northside schools. This was a great opportunity to present and celebrate the progress in our explicit improvement agenda of reading. I was very proud of the openness and welcoming nature of staff during the classroom visits. The Principals were very impressed with the positive culture of ongoing learning within our school. Thank you to all the staff who hosted a group during a guided reading lesson and welcomed them into your classroom. Thank you to our specialist teachers and teacher aides for helping with the presentation.

**Canberra Trip for Year 6 Students**– Monday 29 August– Friday 02 September 2016. Students from our school will soon be undertaking an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $60 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

**Prep enrolments for 2017 are open.** We have already had many new families collecting their enrolment packs for 2017. If you know of any families with children within our catchment areas please ask them to contact the office for an enrolment pack. The Parent Class reps will be holding some play mornings for the children of the 2017 Prep classes. The Dates for these play groups are in the enrolment packs.

**Road Safety Week** - Monday 22- Sunday 28 August. ‘Speaking up for road safety’ is the focus of the week and we’re encouraging the whole community to join the conversation about road safety.

Queensland Road Safety Week is also about encouraging all Queenslanders to challenge the status quo. Let’s stop accepting death and serious injury as just ‘part and parcel’ of using our roads.

Young children are exposed to the road environment from an early age and in many ways – as pedestrians, while riding bikes on footpaths and near roads, as passengers in the family car, school bus or train, when travelling between home and school, and around the school grounds during pick-up and drop-off or when using the school crossing. It is the responsibility of people involved with a child to ensure their safety.

This week provides a key opportunity to remind students about ways they can help themselves keep safe and discuss important road safety issues with adults in their lives — their parents and teachers.

**Online Naplan Trial**- Thank you to Mr Fitzgerald, Mrs Jan Dickens and our Deputy Principal Mrs Cassie Buckley for their work with the Project staff. The trials were definitely worthwhile and the feedback was most useful to the Naplan Online project staff.
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**Lost Property** - please check the lost property if your child is missing a jumper or jacket. There is an enormous amount of clothing in our lost property at present. This is located under A Block near the uniform shop.

Our annual **Book Week Dress up** will be held in Thursday 25 August. Theme "Australia: Story Country".

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"In order to streamline our processes for monitoring absences, an “absences” email address has been created for you to use.

In future, please email all absence information to:

**absences@newfarmss.eq.edu.au**

BEFORE 9AM

The email should include:

- Student’s name
- Student’s class
- Reason for absence
- Expected duration of absence
- Contact phone number

If you experience any difficulty in using the new email address, please give our office a call on 3358 7333.”

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**From the Admin Team** - A special thank you to Dr McGrath for manning the front reception desk last Monday and Tuesday while we attended a professional development training on the delivery of service to the school community. Proving once again our Principal is very good at multi-tasking.

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Congratulations to our Year 4 students who participated in the 2016 Mini Scientists Festival.

The CSI (City Science Investigators) students participated in a one and a half day science investigation.

During the first ½ day activity the students were introduced to a range of scientific investigation processes and given an overview of the investigations they could undertake during their full day session.

The four choices that the students could select from were:

1. A chemistry activity to investigate the recipe for a polymer bouncing ball and adjust, through experiments, the recipe to find the best result.

2. The geologists were exploring the characteristics of different rocks and minerals and determining which materials would be best suited to refurbishing a major public building foyer.

3. The engineers investigated mechanical advantage of gears, levers and pulleys to design a lifting device capable of lifting 500gms a distance of 20 cm. The final device must provide a mechanical advantage, that is, it needs less force than the mass to actually lift it.

4 The Palaeontologists discovered some replica dinosaur bones in a "dig" and had to identify the type of dinosaur they had found. Based on life-sized specimens and scale models, they also had to "construct" a representation of a life-sized T Rex or Apatosaurus.

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
Why should children still learn cursive handwriting?

With technology being part of our everyday life, it is easy to think of handwriting as a dying art. It is however still an important skill that our students will need and is a part of the Australian Curriculum.

For our ‘digital native’ students, there will be situations in life where handwriting will be needed. Formal examinations still require handwritten responses, form filling, informal messages and note taking all require the ability to write quickly and legibly.

In addition, research has shown that the physical act of handwriting helps us remember what we write as it creates neural pathways, that typing does not. So our brains still make more connections when we write rather than type.

At New Farm, our students are taught handwriting with a specific focus in every year level. Below is a summary of the development from Prep to Year Six.

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<td>Produce some lower case and upper case letters using learned letter formations</td>
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<td>Write using joined letters that are clearly formed and consistent in size.</td>
<td>Write using clearly-formed joined letters, and develop increased fluency.</td>
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Library News- Mrs. H. - Teacher Librarian.

BOOKWEEK DRESS UP DAY- THURSDAY 25TH AUGUST

If you are having trouble thinking of something for your children for dress-up day, here’s some ideas:
- Google fancy dress for children to get some ideas
- This year it's an Australia theme so maybe an Australian animal headdress and/or tail
- Occupations - vet, doctor, scientist, astronaut, captain, nurse, firefighter, SES, army, navy, zoo keeper, park ranger, postman, etc. etc.
- Movie characters are also acceptable
- Fairy-tale character

From Wednesday the 3rd August, the library will be themed "Australia: Story Country" so come and check it out!
REDGUM BOOKCLUB - Reminder
The term 3 catalogue has been sent home with your child. Every book order will earn resources and books for our school, with every order receiving a free gift for your child.

To view the current catalogue, please open the link below. Go to www.redgumbookclub.com.au for more information on their range of books You will find hundreds more great titles that you can order this term, with books starting from $2.00.

The catalogue is now open and closes on 16th August. Ordered books will be delivered free to the school no later than 5th September.

Around the Classrooms- The Teddy Bear Hospital
On Wednesday morning the Prep classes had a very exciting twist on their health curriculum when students studying to be doctors came from the University of Queensland. The Preps were given information regarding nutrition, the importance of cleaning your teeth and how to be sun safe.

The Preps also found out about exercise and go to play sports games. The highlight of the day was the Teddy Bear Check-ups. The Preps were allowed to listen to their teddy’s hearts and wrap them up in bandages.

Here are what some of the students said. Zara said “I most enjoyed listening to the teddy’s heart and doing sports with her teddy called Frantasia. Connor from Prep N said he loved the sports activities and found the sun safety presentation very interesting. Connor’s teddy is called Yoda which he tells us was inspired by the Star Wars movies.

Written by Ava Year 6
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 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 - August 19th

Tuckshop - Ikumi Takada and Nicole Milazzo
Counter - Dimity Williams
Baking - Laura Watson, Sarah Millar, Susie Levy, Fiona Caniglia, Michelle Logan and Renee Allan

Thank you,
Terri-Anne
Different but the Same

Focus:
We are all different individuals and yet sometimes we share similar views or interests with others. Knowing we are all different helps us understand our own and other people’s feelings. Getting to know others is a fun thing to do.

Looks Like
• Students mixing with different people for different activities.

Sounds Like
• Everyone encouraging each other with their words
• Asking question and showing interest to find out more

Feels Like
• A friendly place to be
• Students feeling it is ok to be different
• Students confident in their own abilities
• Respecting individual differences
Term 3 Touch Typing Club – Before School.

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday**

8.15am-8.45am at the computer lab (a sign on the door will show we are open).

If you are interested please see Mrs O’Neill or Mrs Schneider.

We had a full room of typing students last week which was wonderful to see. Come along there is always room for more students.

**Please remember to bring your headphone.**

Or keep a spare set in your bag.

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**SWIM SEASON-Don’t miss out**

**BOOKINGS DATES: Monday 29 August - Friday 2 September**

We are preparing for another fabulous season of swimming. Classes run from 3pm Monday-Friday and Saturday mornings from 9am we cater for all levels from beginner to advanced swimmer in a friendly, fun & caring environment. Our focus is to help each student reach their full potential and feel good about the goals they reach during the season. Students are taught in groups and are individually catered for.

BOOKING SYSTEM:
You will need to book in on the day you wish to have your lessons.
E.g. if you want lessons on a Monday you will need to come and book on Monday 29 August. People wanting Wednesday lessons will need to come on Wednesday 31 August Friday swimmers will booking in on Friday 2 September.

BOOKINGS ARE TAKEN ON THE GROUNDS OF NEW FARM STATE SCHOOL from 3pm the week of bookings. Monday 29 August – Friday 2 September 2016.

Saturday bookings are open NOW!

If you have any problem making it to booking week please contact me and I can pre-book you.
Jo Keehan 0414 486 767
Year 6 Students- Fundraising Father’s Day Stall

Year 6 will be running a Father’s Day Stall on **Thursday 25th and Friday 26th August**.

This stall will have a variety of gifts that the students can personally select for fathers, grandfathers or carers. The stall will be set up in the hall and gifts will able for purchase prior to school.

All Gifts will be $10 and more information about prepayment will be sent home with the children to ensure they we cater for everyone.

As part of their community and charity work Grade 6 hope to raise as much money as possible with 50% of the proceeds raised being donated to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. The Daniel Morcombe Foundation is doing wonderful work in the community in educating all children about their personal safety.

The other 50% will add to the air-conditioning fund in order to help with the aim of having all rooms air-conditioned.

Shine Heat 4 – Change of day. - Friday 19 August 2016 at 1.20pm.
Parents are welcome.

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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.

Great first week of banking with 88 Deposits. Please remember that we cannot accept any foreign coins.

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.

Contact Karen Ridoutt (ridoutt@optusnet.com.au or 0412 004 644)
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What to bring:
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- Shin pads
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For more information contact Annalisa
0405006305
Annalisa2010@live.com.au
Or meet at training on Wed

*There is no cost involved but all participants will need to sign a waiver for injury liability.