From the Principal- Dr Carmel McGrath

Prep 2017 Open Day (Save the Date) - Thursday 27 October 9am -11am. Details to follow in our newsletter next Term.

Free Dress Day-Friday 16 September (Gold Coin Donation)-This is a P&C fundraiser for the Air-conditioning of our classrooms. Thank you to all our families for supporting the air-conditioning fund. I am pleased to announce that over the next holidays more of our classrooms will be fitted with their air conditioners prior to the warm weather commencing.

Term 3 will conclude this week Friday 16 September at 3pm. Term 4 will recommence on Tuesday 4 October.

Last week I conducted the first round of interviews for Prep 2017. It has been a wonderful and busy week to meet so many new family wanting to join us here at New Farm. If you know of any families in the catchment area wishing to enrol for next year please encourage them to contact the office as soon as possible to collect their enrolment packs. Another round of interviews will be held next Term.

P&C Meeting – Tuesday 13 September- 6pm in the school library. All Welcome.

Dance Concert -Saturday 10 September – Thank you to all our students and families for such a wonderful night of colour and movement on Saturday. This was the culmination of the 8 weeks of dance classes students had been participating in since the beginning of the Term. Thank you to the P&C volunteers for organising the sausage sizzle and refreshments. Thank you to all our teachers for participating in preparing the students for their performances.

Year Book 2016- Permissions are now overdue. Please contact the office as a matter of urgency.

STUDENT ABSENCE PHONE
3358 7333 OPTION 1

DIARY DATES

REGULAR EVENTS
Wednesday Uniform shop 8am-9.30am.
Wed & Fri Tuckshop
Assembly Friday 9.15am Hall
Friday School Banking 8.30am outside the Library

SPECIAL OCCASIONS
Tues 13 Sept Shine Final 1.20pm Hall
Thurs 15 Sept Prep Prep Playgroup
Fri 16 Sept No banking- Recommences Week 2 of Term 4
Term 4 Commences Tuesday 4 October
Thurs 6 Oct Yr 4 Incursion -What a Load of Rubbish
Sat 8 Oct Hats and Heels- P&C Event
Thurs 27 Oct Prep 2017 Open Morning
Invoices Due
Obstathon Friday 9 September. Another wonderful event for our school. The Prep war cry around the veranda at 9am certainly put everyone in a fun mood for the day. The laughing, squealing and cheering was testimony to a good time had by all. Thank you to Mr Brett Wilson, Mrs Ek Navarro, Mr Kent Rainbow, our Schools Officer and of course our wonderful cleaners who put a great deal of effort into the day. We look forward to announcing the class who raised the most money for the Pizza Party Prize. Please return your Donation Sheet and collected money as a matter of urgency.

Shine Finals- Tuesday 13 September 1.20pm. Thank you to Mrs Thacker and Judges for their tireless efforts over the six weeks of heats the finalist have been announced and will perform for the school on Tuesday. Thank you to all of our students who nominated and performed in one of the heats. A special mention to the crowds of spectators for being polite and respectful of all performers.

2016 Shine Finalists -
1. Mali C – Vocal
2. John S – Vocal
3. Mia R– Dance
4. Lottie L- Dance
5. Melia J– Dance
6. Willa B – Dance
7. Charlotte H– Instrumental
8. Lauren C– Instrumental
9. Lucy C – Combo
10. Freya N – Combo
11. Layla M Combo
12. Scarlett R- Combo
13. Claire L– Drama

Tabbitha B– Highly Commended
Clea H- Highly Commended

Community Spirit Awards- Back by popular demand we are announcing another round of Community Spirit Awards to be presented in Week 5 Term 4. We have had so many wonderful events this year already and some of our families have certainly stood out and deserved to be thanked for their tireless work for our school. Please find attached to today’s newsletter the required information and nomination forms. The awards will be presented on Friday 4 November.
Year 5 Students-Leadership Roles for 2017- The selection process will begin after the holidays. If your child is interested in pursuing one of these roles, please take some time whilst on holidays to discuss what this might involve for your child. The structure and make up of these roles will be discussed with the P&C Committee at the next meeting on Tuesday 13 September, 6pm in the school library. All parents are welcome to attend. Further details of the process will begin in Term 4.

P&C Hats and Heels Fundraiser event- Saturday 8 October. Please see the flyer which is attached to today’s newsletter.

Indigenous Book Swap Tuesday 6 September- Thank you to Sarah and Andrew Ridout for co-ordinating and manning the Book Swap Stall over three days. What a wonderful success the venture was. The children really enjoyed the concept and sharing their books. Funds raised were $557.35, which have been donated to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. Thank you to our Year 2 teacher Ms Michelle Guest for her encouragement and informing the students leading up to the event.

https://indigenousliteracyfoundation.secure.force.com/CICD_Fundraise?id=701A0000001ARRN

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.

The Little Farm – Thank you to the wonderful families who are donating their own time to tend to our chickens and garden areas at the Little Farm. Please remind your children to properly wash their hands after handling the chickens. Please leave the farm area as you found it and put all rubbish in the bin. This is a very special resource within our city school area and we need to be mindful of how we enjoy the area.

Ukefest- Best of luck to our Year 5 Students who have nominated to participate in this festival. Thank you to Mrs Marina Thacker, Mr Brett Wilson, Mrs Jan Dickens and Mrs Jenny O’Neill for accompanying the students.

Some upcoming event in Term 4 – Details to follow next Term.

- Year 4 Incursion ‘What a load of rubbish’ Thursday 6 October
- Year 2 Excursion to Newstead house Friday 21 October.
- Prep 2017 Open Day- Thursday 27 October 9am-11am.
- Year 3 Excursion to Qld Symphony Orchestra Thursday 27 October
- Whole school event – Day for Daniel Friday 28 October.

Year Book 2016 permission letter- The children’s class photo including full name, a selection of works and art works may also be chosen to be included in the Year Book. We would really like to encourage all families to complete their permission as a matter of urgency to finalise the initial permission process.

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. Please find attached to today’s newsletter email the required forms.
TERM 4 SWIMMING

Our Physical Education Swimming Program commences week 3 to week 9 of Term 4.

Please note that this is an important and enjoyable part of our school program and it is intended that all children participate.

The anticipated days will be Mondays and Wednesdays. For the Prep classes it will be their first time. We ask Prep parents and any new families to our school since Term 1 to be on the lookout for permission letters at the beginning of Term 4.

The most essential items to have ready for your child’s participation are as follows:

- **Appropriate swimwear to undertake lessons.** Please ensure that students do not bring baggy shorts that come below the knees to school to swim in as these do restrict ability to swim comfortably and with correct stroke. Board shorts and bikinis are not appropriate for lessons.
- **Sun Shirt.** All children must wear a sun shirt – tight fitting (please check).
- **Swimming cap (required regardless of hair length).** Please check your current cap for a tight fit.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child’s participation in the Physical Education Swimming program please speak to your child’s class teacher.

“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.”

**Kent Rainbow**

Specialist Teacher- Physical Education

**TERM 4 SWIMMING**

Our Physical Education Swimming Program commences **week 3 to week 9 of Term 4.**

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@teneriffeyoga.com
WEEK 10: Wednesday 14 September. Band and lessons are on.

WEEK 1 term 4: Wednesday 5 October. Band and lessons are on.

SUNDAY 13 November.
Everyone is invited to be in the audience for our instrumental music annual celebration concert. 2:30pm for 3pm start in the school hall. This concert showcases our years’ work and all instrumental students are expected to attend.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC RECRUITING YEAR 3’S FOR 2017
Parents of current year 3 students are advised that your child will be given an "expression of interest" form by their class room teacher this week.
If you would like to apply for your child to participate in the Band (woodwind, brass, percussion) Instrumental music program from 2017 please return the answers page by the end of this term.
The class room teachers of year 3 and the office have spare copies.
Please contact me by email cmcin13@eq.edu.au with any questions.

Save the Date - Wednesday 19 October – Movie Night Fundraiser. The funds raised from this event will be split between the Air-conditioning fund for New Farm State School and JIA Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (JIA)

Juvenile means young people
Idiopathic means that we don’t know what the cause is
Arthritis is when a joint swells up, is stiff and hurts (gets inflamed).

JIA is a chronic condition

- Chronic means it lasts for a while - more than 6 weeks
- Chronic also means that treatment will make you feel better but won’t cure JIA.
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.

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 - September 16th

Tuckshop - Ikumi Takada & Rachel Kendrick

Counter - Lyn Zollo

Baking - Laura Watson, Sarah Millar, Susie Levy, Gillian Penrose, Michelle Logan and Jennifer Brock

Thank you,
Terri-Anne
School Rules

Be Respectful
Be Responsible
Be Safe
Be a Learner
**Wednesday Menu**


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Term 3 Touch Typing Club – Before School.

If you would like to learn to type but can’t make it to club, the program we use is Dance Mat Typing. Once you have searched this click on BBC bitesize.

Everyone is welcome! Last week we were nearly full, but so far have not turned anyone away.

Please remember your earphones.

We will be offering some optional accuracy testing next week for those kids that want to see how they are going with their touch typing.

The kids are doing so well and I am proud of them. Well done to Mr Coyle who is determined not to move up any levels until he has mastered the level he is working on.

A big thank you to all the kids that have been helping the new kids get started. All of the sessions were very busy this week.

Keep up the good work and remember to keep those fingers on the home row keys when you are using a key board.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 8.15 – 8.45 in the computer lab.

Karen Ridoutt
0412 004 644

New Farm State School – Swim Club.

Starts- Monday 10 October 2016.

MONDAY NIGHT TERM 4 SWIM CLUB SIGN ON:
Payments can already be made on Flexi Schools.
Term 4 swim club is $30.
You may also come and see me at typing or banking.
Karen Ridoutt
0412 004 644
New Farm State School Amateur Swim Club

Term 4 Mondays 5.30 pm (Starting Monday 10 October 2016)

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE THAT SWIM CLUB DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY SWIMMING INSTRUCTION AND AN ADULT MUST ACCOMPANY THE KIDS AND SUPERVISE THEM.

IT IS A FUN BASED NIGHT WHERE THE CHILDREN ARE TIMED IN RACES AND AWARDED POINTS FOR SWIMMING AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEY MAKE ON THEIR BEST TIMES.

A PIZZA NIGHT IS HELD ON THE LAST MONDAY NIGHT OF TERM 4 AND ALL CHILDREN ARE GIVEN A TROPHY WITH THEIR POINTS TOTAL ENGRAVED.

FOR SWIMMING LESSONS PLEASE SEE JO KEEHAN 0414 486 767 FROM BIG FISH LITTLE FISH. HER DETAILS ARE IN THE NEWSLETTER as above.

NEW FARM STATE SCHOOL

AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB 2016

REGISTRATION TIME:

FEE: $30 FOR TERM 4

Swim meets are held Monday nights 5.30pm in Terms 1 & 4

First Meet for Term 4 is Monday 10th October

Other meet nights include: 24th Oct, 31st Oct, 7th Nov,

14th Nov, 21st Nov, 28th Nov. (7 meets)

Trophy and Pizza award night 5th Dec.

Note there is no club on Pupil Free Day 17th Oct!

There are additional trophies and awards for the swimmers who consistently participated and have shown the greatest development during the year- not necessarily the fastest swimmers!

Registration forms will be emailed to all current members. If you are a new member you can collect a form from the School Office.

OR see Karen Ridoutt at school for a form. Payment may be made through Flexischools: www.flexischools.com.au (NFSS families only) or by cash to the school office.

Options for registration:

NEW FARM STATE SCHOOL FAMILIES:

1. Use online form to register: https://form.jotform.co/62378759448878
2. Come to sign on (see above) and pay by cash or pay through Flexischools
3. Collect sign on form from office and return to office with cash payment

OTHER SCHOOLS:

1. Online Jotform (link above) may be used or some forms will be left at Holy Spirit School office.
2. Payment can only be made by cash. Please leave at NFSS office, come to sign on afternoon or pay cash on the first swim meet night!

Children wishing to swim at the first meet Monday 10th October must be registered by Friday 7th October
5pm. Any registrations after this date will not be able to swim until the following week.

Any further questions please contact Karen Ridoutt at nfss.swimclub@hotmail.com or call 0412 004 644. **We need helpers during swim meets so please indicate on the form how you may be able to assist.**

We are looking forward to another great term of swim club.

**SCHOOL BANKING**

**No Banking this Friday 16 September. Banking will resume Week 2 Term 4(Friday 14 October)**

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

Great first week of banking with 78 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 (ridouutt@optusnet.com.au or 0412 004 644)

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**Jabiru Vacation Care**

**Take the fun challenge for the September holidays**

Jabiru Kids is calling all kids to take the fun challenge for the September holidays. We’ll zoom around on go-karts and see Peter Pan performed live at the Arts Theatre.

Plus activities include Pokemon challenges, a disco, Bollywood fun, a Mexican fiesta and a beach party!

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.
Return o Purchase your Entertainment Book prior to Friday 2nd of September and WIN!!!!**

**Please note anyone who has already purchased or returned this year has automatically received an entry.

Buy your Brisbane, Sunshine Coast and surrounds Entertainment™ Membership today for just $65, and you'll discover hundreds of valuable offers from many of the city's most popular restaurants, attractions, hotels, travel, shopping and much more.

Plus, 20% of your Membership contributes towards our fundraising for the school!!!
ORDER FROM US TODAY

For more valuable offers, See what is inside!

Another reason to buy!!!!

Buy an Entertainment Membership before 2\textsuperscript{nd} of September and go into the draw to win a High Tea for Two Valued at $90.00!

Choose from the traditional Entertainment™ Book or the NEW Entertainment™ Digital Membership, which puts the value of the Book into your smartphone.

The more Memberships we sell, the more funds we'll raise so please forward this email, or tell your family and friends!
New Farm State School's inaugural exclusive Hats & Heels Ladies Fundraising Lunch is here! Support our school and get a group of your besties together for a day of fun, fashion, fine food and bubbles.

Tickets are $150 and include a four course lunch and free flowing French bubbles. They are on sale now at www.newfarmhatsandheels.com.au

There is limited seating, so check your diaries and book early to avoid disappointment.

This year the P&C is extremely focused on raising funds to air condition classrooms across the school. As our main fundraiser – the fete – doesn't come around until next year, we thought the time was right to create a completely new event... the New Farm Hats & Heels Ladies Luncheon.

Strategically timed to celebrate Spring and the season of racing, this luncheon and fashion parade is taking place on Saturday 6th October at the lovely Bucci Restaurant, James Street. It has been launched specifically to raise monies to support the air conditioning project and our aim is to fit out three classrooms.

We have commissioned a stunning, bespoke hat especially for this event and would like to encourage everyone to wear a hat on the day, in the spirit of the racing season and to make this fundraiser really stand out.

While we expect this lunch to appeal mainly to ladies, everyone is welcome and there are auction items to appeal to guys as much as gals (so charge up that credit card!!)

The major auction items include an Audi & QT Gold Coast weekend experience, artwork donated by Red Sea Gallery, a stand out piece of jewellery, stunning patent clutch by Indepal and a bespoke hat by local milliner, Laura Churchill.

Our aim is to create a place where mums of the school and their friends can get together and enjoy an afternoon of fun, fashion and fine food. We're looking forward to making this luncheon an eagerly anticipated annual tradition.

Exclusive offer for New Farm mums

Brisbane Arcade bag retailer, Indepal, has kindly donated a limited edition, brass patent leather clutch for our silent auction.

This teams perfectly with their brass patent Shariqa, a ladies leather business bag - part satchel, part handbag. Perfectly proportioned to fit a laptop and A4 folders, the zippers undo all the way down the sides for easy access. The usual retail price is $295, but they are offering New Farm mums – exclusively - the opportunity to snap one up for $200.

Use the link below for more detail: https://www.indepal.com.au/collection/shariqa-brass-patent/

If you would like to buy one, please private message us via Facebook: NewFarmHatsandHeels
CEP Update: Have you seen what’s happening in Term 4?

All the old favourites are back for the kids, covering The Arts (Art, Music lessons, Creative Workshops, Drama), Languages (Italian, Mandarin), Fitness (Judo, Dance, Gymnastics) and intellectual pursuits such as Chess. Please send in your registrations early to ensure a spot in your preferred classes.

(email completed forms to: nfsscommunityed@live.com.au)

Newsflash: All French language classes have been suspended for Term 4, due to unforeseen circumstances for our tutor. The French cooking workshop is still on offer however.

For the Grown-Ups:

Language offerings include Japanese, Italian and Spanish classes. Looking to swing (your hips), sweat, stretch and smile? Greet the Sunrise with early morning Yoga or Pilates. If an evening workout is more your style...try Aerobics (‘Zumbrazilian’) with Paola, FIT.30 or Pilates with Nancy. Hone your culinary skills for the holidays in a one-day cooking workshop...Gnocchi on Nov 12 or Coq au Vin on Nov 16.

Music, music, music....

Sing or strum – the choice is yours. Community Choir meets on Wednesday evenings and Ukulele class runs on Tuesdays.

As usual, the Piano/Vocal/Guitar lessons are filling up fast... some days/tutors are already fully booked. If you cannot get the lesson time you desire this term, perhaps you’d like to be wait-listed for potential openings in a future term. The same applies for Art with Meredith, which is already full for Term 4.

To enrol or enquire: nfsscommunityed@live.com.au
TRIPLE P ANXIETY

UQ researchers are offering your family the opportunity to participate in a new parenting program aimed at treating anxiety in children and adolescents aged 6 to 12.

Anxiety is the most common psychological complaint experienced by youth. If left untreated anxiety can increase the risk of developing other psychiatric disorders and often leads to peer and school difficulties.

Triple P Anxiety has been developed by family and child psychologists and researchers Dr Vanessa Cobham and Prof. Matthew Sanders.

Please go to: https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/fearless/ for more information and to register your interest.
2016 BOUNCING BACK
HANDBALL FESTIVAL
SUNDAY OCTOBER 16

HANDBALL COMPETITIONS • MUSIC
ENTERTAINMENT • FOOD • ACTIVITIES
INFORMATION ON GOOD MENTAL HEALTH

Brisbane Powerhouse
Lamington Street, New Farm

9AM-12PM PRIZES FOR BEST DRESS-UP

to register, go to communify.org.au/handball2016
Community Spirit Award

Guidelines

There are many people in our school community (students, parents and staff) who spend countless hours volunteering and supporting a wide range of activities in a number of diverse communities. They demonstrate outstanding commitment to a local community.

The NFSS Community Spirit Award is about recognising and celebrating commitments such as:

- the spirit of giving back to the community;
- volunteering ones time for others;
- raising awareness for healthier communities;
- being a positive community role model and leader;
- making a change in the community; and
- inspiring others to make a difference in their local community.

The award presents an exciting opportunity to acknowledge the NFSS students, parents and staff, who are using their skills to make our community a better place.

A school panel will select a number of award recipients who will be recognised at a special assembly in week 5 of term 4. This will be an opportunity to shine the spotlight on some of the special contributions individuals or groups have made this year.

Who can you nominate?

Students, parents and staff/volunteers of New Farm State School

Criteria

- Participation/volunteering in a community project; or
- Fundraising for a community project; or
- Innovative giving to a community project; or
- Inspiring others to make a difference in their local community.

Community projects may include projects in our local school community to anywhere in Brisbane, Australia or overseas.

The projects may support a number of issues including, but not limited to:
• Environment and local community;
• Children and young people;
• Sport;
• People with disabilities;
• Older people;
• Arts and culture; and
• Disadvantaged groups such as homeless people.

These are just an example of some of the activities that people may be involved in:

• A student who regularly collects books and donates them to a charity that gives books to children in Papua New Guinea.
• A student who raises money from selling cakes or lemonade for a children’s hospital in Brisbane.
• A student who saved their pocket money and gave it to the Queensland flood appeal.
• A parent who volunteers for a local community group giving out food to homeless people in the Valley.
• A student who donates needed items for a children’s home in India.
• A parent who spends lots of time being involved with any aspect of the school including the garden, book club, reading helpers, the P+C, fundraising, fete, tuck shop, market stalls, uniform shop and sports etc.
• A teacher who coordinates the giving of food to people in need of a war zone.
• A teacher who raised awareness about a specific charity and invited special guests to develop awareness among students.

Award categories:

• group and individual;
• student/parent/staff;
• volunteering service;
• fundraising;
• innovative giving;

Nominations:
We encourage you to seek out those everyday people around you who do extra-ordinary things and nominate them for the NFSS Community Spirit Award in term 4.
NOMINATION FORM
New Farm State School

Community Spirit Award

Nominations should be handed in at the school office or emailed to admin@newfarmss.eq.edu.au by Thursday 6 October 2016.

The 2016 Ceremony will be held on Friday 4 November at 9am in the school hall.

NAME OF NOMINATED PERSON/S: __________________________________________

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PLEASE TELL US WHAT THEIR COMMUNITY PROJECT OR INVOLVEMENT IS:

________________________________________________________________________

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PLEASE TELL US WHY YOU HAVE NOMINATED THIS PERSON /S. WHAT QUALITIES HAVE THEY SHOWN:

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NAME SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BENEFITED AS A RESULT OF THIS WORK:

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

NAME OF PERSON SUBMITTING THE NOMINATION: ______________________________

We encourage you to also EMAIL OR SCAN 2 OR 3 PHOTOS OF THE NOMINATE PERSON with this application ideally showing some of their work for which they have been nominated.

(PLEASE PRINT NAME CLEARLY AND ADD CONTACT DETAILS. If a student at NFSS please write year level. Other nominating persons should record phone details.)
DOWN NO-MEMORY LANE

A mix of real-life experiences and amnesia with supernatural undertones informs Brisbane writer Sarah Ridout's first novel

BELINDA SEENEY

Writing is an isolated pursuit with hours spent researching, plotting, planning, drafting and editing in solitude. First-time novelist Sarah Ridout discovered early the value of having a support crew when she emerged from self-imposed isolation.

Ridout was among a group of eight unpublished writers selected for the 2013 annual Queensland Writers Centre/Chatto & Windus manuscript development program. "I put your heart and soul into your books," Ridout, a former public relations professional now resident in inner Brisbane's New Farm, says of the chemists who have since become her friends. "It's like your baby is about to go out into the world but you don't know what anybody will think, so it's a bit scary. No one else understands what it's like to be rejected in that context."

Five writers from the 2013 program have since scored publishing contracts, including Ridout, whose debut novel, Le Château, has just been released. The gothic story centres on Charlotte de Chastenet, an expat Australian who wakes up from a coma with no memory of Henri, the Frenchman who says he is her husband, or her young daughter Ada. She is taken to the family's château in southern France to recuperate from her mysterious accident. thrown off-kilter by an unsettling man who intrudes the estate, presided over by her enigmatic mother-in-law.

Even with Le Château's fanciful premise and supernatural undertone, Ridout's life experiences anchor her work of fiction. After growing up in Brisbane's western suburbs, she spent more than 12 years abroad with husband Andrew and daughters Bella, 16, and Sofia, 11. Eight of those years were in France. And it was while pregnant with Sofia that Le Château was also conceived. "Everyone in the medical profession I dealt with knew I had another child, they just forgot that I'd never had a baby in France."

"I didn't know how anything worked - all the hoops you have to jump through, all the tests you have to have and when you have to have them. It's like you have no memory of having done this before."

Exacerbated by a language barrier and the sleep deprivation that comes from caring for a newborn, Ridout extrapolated that notice. "I thought, well, imagine if you had an accident, you were an expat, you had no family, then you got taken back to this amazing château in the middle of nowhere and just left there with these people you didn't know. This book grew from that."

It wasn't Ridout's first foray into writing; she had published several short stories and drafted a memoir about her experiences in France. While the memoir remains locked in a drawer for now, Ridout is racing against time to complete her "really personal" second novel and secure a publisher.

The work of fiction is steeped in fact and chronicles the campaign to amend sections of the Australian Constitution that discriminated against Aborigines in the 1992 Redfern referendum. "My grandmother, Kathie Cochrane, was best friends with Corinna Monger and they worked together on the campaign," Ridout says. "This is a story I have to tell and I have to do it now because the 50th anniversary is next year."

As it's far removed from the sensuality and mystery of Le Château, Ridout is a little nervous about how her second novel will be received. "It could be a complete one-off and then I go back to writing gothic novels; I just don't know," she says.

Ridout will appear at Brisbane Writers Festival on September 11 (spilt.com.au), then launches Le Château at Brisbane's Avid Reader, West End, on September 15 (avidreader.com.au).