From the Principal - Dr Carmel McGrath

As you are aware, our school has had an additional 7 classrooms approved to be built during 2017.

Our existing Prep Area will be demolished and a new two storey building will be erected together with basement parking for staff.

We have been meeting with the Project team on a regular basis.

The next stage of the project is to install three hire buildings to accommodate our Prep classes for 2017. The buildings will be set up on the paved garden surface near Jabiru fronting Heal Street. This area will be excavated and levelled to prepare for the building delivery and installation. These buildings will not encroach on the existing netball court or prohibit access to the school oval via the stairs.

This will commence this week as per the timetable below. You will note that 90% of the installation will occur over weekend periods. The project manager is aware that we do not want to disrupt the school routine for the rest of term 4 and that we are also mindful of the safety of our staff and students during this time.

The following stage will be to decant the Prep buildings in Week 10 so that the 2017 school year will commence without any disruptions.

We would ask that the school community be mindful of building works at this time and to kindly work in with any school requests that may be issued from time to time. Our first priority is to always ensure that our students are safe. If you have any queries regarding the build, please feel free to contact Elena Anderson, our BSM.
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Vehicular access to be limited to times when students are in class for safety reasons |

**Assembly Thursday 3 November**- This will be our normal weekly assembly for all classes. Parents are welcome to attend. If you are running late, please remember to call into the office for a late slip prior to going to the hall and joining the assembly.

**Community Spirit awards Friday 4 November**- We will gather to celebrate the wonderful work and time devoted to our school community. We have a variety of recipients this time round. They are Teachers, Parents, community members and students. All well deserving and we are proud of their achievements. The ceremony will commence at 9.15am. Followed by morning tea. All are welcome to attend.

**Volunteers Morning Tea Friday 4 November**- We will thank our volunteers as part of our ceremony on Friday morning. We are very fortunate here at New Farm to have so many wonderful parents and families willing to help in the classroom, tuckshop, school banking and a variety of fundraisers. We certainly appreciate the time you devote to our school community. Volunteers are invited to attend this gathering on Friday 4 November followed by morning tea. Please RSVP your intentions to admin@newfarmss.eq.edu.au

**Prep 2017 Open Day Thursday 27 October**- thank you to all the local families who attended with their children. We had a fantastic number of families all wanting to enrol for next year. Thank you to our Prep teachers (Mrs Navarro, Mrs Burridge, Mrs Siebuhr and Mrs Griffin) for their preparations, speaking to the attendees and meeting their new Preps of 2017 on Thursday. Thank you to all our other speakers on the morning - we had representatives from the P&C, the tuckshop, the uniform shop, Jabiru and the Commonwealth Bank.

If you know of any local families in our catchment area wanting to enrol for next year please ask them to contact the office as a matter of urgency to collect their enrolment packs.
Day for Daniel Friday 28 October -

Thank you to Mr Brett Wilson for his organisation and coordinating of activities for the walk. All proceeds from the day will be donated to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. Thank you to our local federal member Mr Trevor Evans MP for his attendance at last week’s assembly and the Day for Daniel walk.

School Disco Friday 28 October - Thank you to the Year 6 parents and students for their tireless efforts in organising a wonderful event on Friday night. It was certainly great to see everyone dressed up for the occasion. Thank you to the teaching staff who attended to help with supervision - this is always appreciated.

Year 3 Excursion Thursday 27 October - Thank you to Mr Ron Fitzgerald, Mrs Wendy Maslen, Mrs Marina Thacker and Mrs SueChe Dorante for accompanying the children to the Queensland Symphony Orchestra. Year 3 have been learning about the Instruments of the Orchestra in Classroom music. They had the opportunity to watch a performance of Peter and the Wolf performed by the Orchestra at their studio in Southbank. By all report the students thoroughly enjoyed experience of seeing the performers up close.

PARENTS
Expressions of Interest

Transport and Main Roads currently have multiple School Crossing Supervisor positions vacant throughout the local region.

Please tell neighbours, friends and family of these positions available. Please help us to help our students.

Remuneration $28.18 per hour.

Special Conditions

• Suitability is determined by the outcome of a pre-employment health assessment and the eligibility to apply and obtain a Working with Children Blue Card.

• School Crossing Supervisors must be available for work for both morning and afternoon shifts on a rostered basis in all weather conditions.

Any interested persons may contact the Carseldine Road Safety Office on 0417737107 or 3863 9875 or via email - zillmere_road_safety@tmr.qld.gov.au

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STUDENT LEADERSHIP TIMELINE AND SELECTION PROCESS

Summary of key dates:

• Friday 28 Oct – Principal announces the 2017 School and Vice Captains
• Tues 1 Nov 9 – 10am – House captain speeches and student voting
• Thursday 3 Nov – Principal interviews shortlisted students
• Friday 4 Nov– Principal announces the 2017 House Captains
• Tues 08 Nov 9am (Hall)– Project Captain speeches and student voting
• Friday 11 Nov 9-11am – Principal interviews shortlisted students
• Friday 11 Nov 2pm – Principal announces the 2017 Project Group Captains
• Thurs 17 Nov– 2017 House and Project Captains introduced to school on assembly

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
School Pickup times and Office hours- Parents please be reminded that our office closes at 3.30pm each afternoon. All students should be collected by the second bell at 3.20pm. Any students left unsupervised at this time will be taken to Jabiru before and after school care as emergency supervision. **Fees will apply to parents on collection of child.** Any students attending Community Education Program classes are reminded to go straight to the class areas.

"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](mailto: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.”
Volunteers Morning Tea - Friday 4 November. We would also like to acknowledge the wonderful contribution and efforts that our volunteer make to our community. Volunteers are invited to attend this gathering on Friday 4 November at 9.15am followed by morning tea. Please RSVP your intentions to admin@newfarmss.eq.edu.au

Please use Volunteers Morning Tea in the subject line of your email.
Core Strength for Physical Activity and the Classroom

As children grow and develop, certain skills need to become automatic. Different systems develop to make skills such as walking, crawling, talking and using our hands automatic to complete simple tasks. As a result, we can scratch an itch on our nose or walk across the room with very little conscious effort. This frees up the higher level thinking portions of our brain to focus on more complicated tasks like learning in the classroom or performing a more challenging physical skill. A skill our body maintains on a subconscious level is maintaining posture. Most people can sit or stand upright without a lot of thought. It’s just something that comes naturally. But some people, especially children, don’t have the strength along their core muscles (muscles in the abdomen, back, chest and neck) to do this. For these children, something that should take no effort, becomes a laborious task that demands their attention.

Obviously anything that demands a child’s constant attention creates problems, especially when we want their attention focused on other tasks.

- One of the first things you will notice in a child with weak core muscles is a struggle to focus.
- This constant mental exertion also takes its toll on their motivation.
- Another area that suffers from a weak core is coordination and balance.

But no matter the cause, children with weak core muscles can all benefit from exercises to build up strength in those muscles.

Easy home and play ideas:

- Doing the “Superman” pose on the floor
- Climbing “up” a slide
- Crab walk – even up stairs!
- “Let’s wheelbarrow there!”
- Push me/Pull me games
- Sweeping up – even if its badly done!
Swimming Program for classes in Term 4 2016

Week 2-9 of Swimming will be as follows

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Classes who missed the first Monday of the program will have a makeup lesson in week 10 - Monday 05 December.

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Danielle Schneider and Jenny O’Neill
SEP/GEM (Specialist Education Program and Gifted Education Mentor)

Transition to High School is a very exciting, yet challenging time for our Year 6 students. Celebrating the completion of primary school and focussing on preparation for secondary school, provides individuals with opportunities to ensure a smooth and successful transition into this new stage of life.

The following tasks can be completed as a family and will assist students in their transition for next year:
- Explore the school website and collate information regarding new routines and facts about their new school;
- Explore a map of the school, identifying known buildings that will be relevant to your child’s school week;
- Make a list of equipment needed and identify what to pack each day;
- Organise a colour coded system for lessons, subject and books;
- Organise a homework system, establish a homework routine and become familiar with the school based student diary.
- Practice the new route to school.

If you require further information and activities, the following links are helpful:
http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/secondary_school.html
Instrumental Music- Colin McIntyre-Senior Instrumental Music Teacher

Instrumental Music recruiting current Year 3’s for 2017 start. Your child has been given an "expression of interest" form by their class teacher. The class teacher and office have spare copies. If you would like to apply please return the form as soon as possible.
If your student would like to see and hear the instruments before suitability testing on the 16th of November they could attend the instrumental concert on Sunday the 13th at 3pm.
Any questions please contact me (Colin McIntyre) by email at cmcin13@eq.edu.au

Celebration Music Concert
Sunday 13 November
HEAR YE! HEAR YE!
COME ONE COME ALL
Students in the Instrumental Music Program and New Farm Beats percussion ensemble proudly invite you all to attend their end of year concert which will feature all students performing in various ensembles as well as soloists and an awards presentation.

Celebration Music Concert
An afternoon musical soirée
showcasing various student instrumental music ensembles and soloists.
Date: **Sunday 13th November**

Time: 2:30pm for a 3:00 start and around 4:00 finish.

Where: School Hall

Wear: Colourful free dress

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**Marina Thacker - Music Teacher.**

Grade 3 Excursion to the Qld Symphony Orchestra 27 October, 2016

Last week all Grade 3 students travelled to the South Bank ABC studios to view the Qld Symphony Orchestra. Congratulations to all the students who showed excellent audience skills and participated answering questions, conducting from their seat or joining in and playing percussion with the Orchestra. It was all thrilling to watch and be part of.

The arts can provide nonverbal ways to express what students see, hear and feel. Music can often describe characteristics of people, animals or events more vividly than language. The Qld Symphony Orchestra captivated the children with music pieces evoking different animals like the double bass imitating an Elephant’s walk or the kicking of an unhatched chick with the scratching sounds on the violins.

All Grade Three students enjoyed meeting the musicians and instruments of the Symphony Orchestra and hearing the story of Peter and the Wolf live. They will tell you they now know the instruments of the string family, woodwind family and brass family. They also felt the fear of the hunters coming when the percussionist played the timpani and bass drum loudly. I hope they hang on to that excitement and keep exploring the many ways we can describe and communicate our experiences through music.
Mei-Lin Chen- Mandarin Teacher  
Chinese Moon Festival (Mid-Autumn Festival)

The Moon Festival is the second most important traditional festival in China (the most important one is Chinese New Year). Chinese Moon Festival falls on the 15th day of the eight lunar month, which comes right in the middle of autumn, hence it’s also called Mid-Autumn Festival. On this day, the moon is extremely bright and perfectly round. The festival represents the unity and leisure of the people, as well as the harvest of the nature.

The main traditions and celebrations include eating mooncakes, having dinner with family and appreciating the moon.

There are many legends about this festival. The most popular one among the Chinese people is ‘Chang E Flying to the Moon’. The story goes that during the time of Yao (about 2,000 B.C.), there lived a talented archer named Houyi. One day ten suns appear in the sky at the same time. Their scorching heat withered the crops on the earth and made people unbearable. Ordered by Emperor Yao, Houyi shot nine of them out of the sky leaving only one. As a prize for this extraordinary feat, he was given two pills of immortality from the goddess. The pills, however, was stolen by his wife named Chang E. She ate them all and flew off to the moon where she lived in solitude, only accompanied by a Jade Rabbit.

‘Hou Yi Shooting the Suns’  Chang Er flew to the Moon  Chinese moon cakes
Book Fair - It’s On Again!

Tuesday 15th
Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th November only.
Time: 8.15am – 4pm in the Library.
Cash, cheques, credit cards and eftpos accepted.

Books from $2.
Hundreds of titles under $10.

Children will view the books during class times and can either make a wish list of what they would like to buy and/or they can purchase anytime. Parents are free to come anytime between 8.15 – 4.

It’s a great opportunity to put some items away for Christmas!
Tuckshop

NEW WEDNESDAY MENU

Please see the flexischool site for more information. Pasta is being replaced with fresh Vietnamese rolls (GF) and homemade beef sausage rolls, pizza is staying on the menu. Friday will remain the same.

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 - November 4th

Tuckshop - Ikumi Takada and Jamilah Butler

Counter - Lyn Zollo

Baking - Dimity Williams, Cath Byrne, Kirsten Medland, Mehera Milne, Jennifer Brock, Nancy Cowell and Michelle Logan

Thank you,
Terri-Anne
Positive Image Positive Feeling

Focus:
It is important that students develop a positive image which promotes a positive feeling about themselves and their school.

Looks Like
Students doing the right thing
Older students setting an example
Encouraging others to show a positive image
Being respectful to others in the community

Sounds Like
Students being attentive during Assembly
Students using manners (please, thank-you)

Feels Like
Students feel proud to be apart of our school
Parents feel proud to be apart of our school
Teachers feel proud to be apart of our school
Our school is a welcoming place to be
**Responsible Behaviour Plan Review**

This Term we will be conducting a review of our New Farm State School Responsible Behaviour Plan. This is a collaborative process with opportunities for staff, students and parents to provide feedback on the document. This document is available for parents to access on our school website via the link: [https://newfarmss.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Documents/Responsible%20behaviour%20plan%20NFSS%202016.pdf](https://newfarmss.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Documents/Responsible%20behaviour%20plan%20NFSS%202016.pdf)

If you would like to provide general feedback please send your suggestions to admin@newfarmss.eq.edu.au with the subject line **Responsible Behaviour Plan**.

We would also like to receive feedback about some specific elements of our Behaviour Management Program. Please complete the survey below and return it to the school office. There is a section at the bottom for you to make any further suggestions.

Our committee will collate your feedback and consider your suggestions as part of the review. I will inform parents when a DRAFT document is available for your perusal prior to a final copy being available on the website. The revised document will be effective from the start of the 2016 school year.

Regards,

Cassie Buckley - Deputy Principal

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**Survey – Please return to the office.**

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Further Suggestions:
Term 4 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! 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.

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

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

Karen Ridoutt 0412 004 644

New Farm State School – Swim Club.

MONDAY NIGHT TERM 4 SWIM CLUB from 5.30pm

You must pre-register before coming to club night.

Registrations are still welcome.

Payments can already be made on Flexi Schools.

Term 4 swim club is $30. NFSS Silicone Swim Caps available $10 cash only.

Karen Ridoutt
0412 004 644

SCHOOL BANKING

Banking Friday from 8.30am outside the Library.

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

Please remember that we cannot accept any foreign coins.

Please collect any unclaimed rewards.

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.

Volunteer to help with Friday Banking - You would need to be available from 8.30am-10am for most Fridays of the Term at the school library. The Banking Coordinator will require assistance to finalise the processing for the weeks banking. E.g. returning the bank books to classroom and processing the funds.

Contact Karen Ridoutt (ridoutt@optusnet.com.au or 0412 004 644)
UPDATE:
Movie Night Fundraiser Has Raised $2,033

The event was a big success! These proceeds will be split evenly between Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (JIA) and funding for Solar Panels to be installed in the future at the school.

We thank everyone who attended the Movie Night, and those that bought raffle tickets, and purchased the scarves/jewelry on the night.

THANK YOU to all our generous Sponsors who donated fabulous raffle prizes and lucky door prizes.
On behalf of everyone who enjoyed a fantastic morning of handball, thank-you for your generous support of the 2016 Bouncing Back Handball Festival. Our goal to provide a free, inclusive, fun and healthy all-of-community event would not have been possible without the time and resources so kindly donated by local businesses and individuals such as yourself. Long live New Farm and long live handball!