From the Principal- Dr Carmel McGrath

Whole school Assembly – Fridays at 9.15am in our school hall. All welcome to attend.

Special Assembly- Thursday 23 February 2017. The Year 6 Leadership badge ceremony will be held on this day at 9.30am. Invitations have already been emailed to all our Year 6 families.

NFSS Fete – Save the Date- Sunday 30 July 2017

It will be a wonderful and exciting day, as always, so please mark your calendars. As the biggest fundraising event for the school, it is a lot of work and we need as many volunteers as possible – even if you can only spare a very small amount of time.

We completely understand that everyone is very busy with life/ family/ work/ etc but please at least register your interest.

We do need to immediately fill our most important roles:

Stall Convener - suggest a parent who has been at school 2 years+ Main contact for Fete Reps (one per class) on all issues.

Sponsorship Team

Securing sponsorship and co-ordinating Live Auction and Silent Auction

Raffle Entertainment

Marketing and communications

Graphics & Art Direction

Finance

If you think you could spare some time to work towards this super fabulous event, please get in touch with

Laura Watson lauramid@gmail.com

0408 728 058

Student Absence Phone

3358 7333 Option 1

Diary Dates

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Invoices Due

- Swimming payments ($45 per child) and permission for Year 1-6 are now overdue.
- Instrumental Music Levy $100 due now
- Instrumental Music hire Levy $100 due now
Parent information sessions - please see the following table regarding the allocated time for your classes session. All sessions will go for approximately half an hour and be held in your child’s classroom unless you are advised otherwise. Thank you to all parents who attended last week session for the other classes. The teachers were very pleased with the support of their new class groups.

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Year 1 and 2 classes - We have now completed our Day 8 reporting to Education Queensland. Due to the increased number of enrolments I wish to confirm we have formed a new class in the junior school.

Last week I have appointed and welcomed our 18th class teacher Ms Anna Gardener to the New Farm State School. She began with us immediately and spent last week liaising with the current junior school teachers and curriculum leaders to ensure a smooth transition for students as the settle into their new classes for the year.

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Hawthorne Street zone - Each morning this is a Stop, Drop and Go zone. Please do not park and leave your vehicle in this area. Having any vehicles parked in this area causes an unsafe and congested area for all children and families. If you wish to park and accompany you child into the school grounds, please park further down Hawthorn Street, beyond Annie Street.

Parking and Pick up times - Please take note to observe all new parking restriction as marked on the relevant signs. A refuge island has been constructed in the intersection of James and Heal Street, please observe the area and watch for students crossing and this intersection. Please observe the Disabled parking area in Heal Street this is only to be used by people with the correct parking permit. Please remember to be courteous to all other drivers and families whilst moving in and around our school areas.

Parents are reminded that the pickup area at Hawthorne Street is only supervised until 3.20pm. Please arrive at the pickup area in time to collect your child. Office staff are completing other jobs at this time of the afternoon and are not required to supervise your children.

Please be mindful of students and families when moving in and around our parking areas. Our local Police and City Council road safety and traffic officers are regularly patrolling our local streets in an effort to ensure all families arrive and leave school safely.

CEP Community Education Program - Here at New Farm we are extremely fortunate to have a wonderful program such as the CEP for the students to attend to each Term. Thank you to Rachel our wonderful coordinator for her tireless efforts in arranging all matter of activities. Whilst we are fortunate to have this on our school grounds each afternoon, we cannot allow children to remain unsupervised for periods of time whilst waiting for their classes to begin.
If your class starts at 3.15pm, please inform your child to go straight to this class. For other children whose classes do not begin until later there needs to be an adult present to supervise or children are to be booked into Jabiru afterschool care. The Staff from Jabiru will accompany your child to their class.

Once the second bell goes at 3.20pm all students should be either off the school grounds or at the CEP Class or attending Jabiru after school care. Any students still on the grounds after 3.20pm unaccompanied will be taken to the office for a parent to be called. Our school office hours are 8.00am – 3.30pm.

**Swimming Program Year 1 - Year 6-**

*Year 1 and 2 students will swim on Tuesdays and Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 students will be swimming Wednesdays.*

If your child is unable to participate for medical reasons you must send a note to the class teacher.

All children will need to make sure they have:

- A towel
- A hat
- Sunscreen
- **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.
- **Swimming bag** to help children keep their belongings together. (A plastic shopping bag will do).
- **All belongings, including socks and underwear, should be clearly marked with the child’s name.**
- **Sleeper earrings or studs** are the only jewellery permitted to be worn in the pool.

**Parents NB:** If your child is sensitive to sunscreen, please notify the office accordingly.

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

**Head lice** - We have had some reported cases of head lice in the school. Please remember to check your child’s hair regularly and commence treatment as soon as possible.

**Late arrivals to school** - We are still experiencing some students not reporting to the office to be signed in after the 9.00am bell. Any student who arrives after the morning roll has been marked will be required to report to the office to be signed in and issued with a late slip. This is an extremely important part of the daily reporting for absences.

**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.

**Absence from School** - Please contact the office absentee line on 3358 7333 option 1 or via email absences@newfarmss.eq.edu.au all students need to be accounted for each day. Please leave the following information when calling or emailing. Your name and contact number, your child's name and their class, their reason for absence and length of absence if known. We cannot have any unexplained absences on our rolls each day. If you are going on holidays please contact the office prior to leaving on your holiday.
SMS Notifications for absences - We have now begun the SMS4schools notification. These are sent out from the office after the classroom roll marking and recorded absences have been entered.

SMS Notifications for absences - You will receive a SMS if the following scenarios happen:-

1. You have not notified the school of your child’s absence by 8.45am. Phone or email are our preferred options. Phone 3358 7333 option 1 or absences@newfarmss.eq.edu.au
2. Your notification is received later than 9am. Our reporting process needs to be timely.
3. You have not notified the school of holiday or scheduled time off.
4. You are attending an off campus activity and have not notified the office.
5. You arrived late for class or assembly and are not signed in at the office for a late slip. All movements regarding children must be recorded through the school office.

Please respond to the SMS immediately by an SMS and the reply will be generated in our Oneschool database to correct the unexplained absence.

Invoicing and permission for school activities – We have now begun emailing parent letters and permission forms together with invoices directly to parents. This will continue to help with information and correspondence finding its way home.

Instrumental Music Hire Levy $100 due now
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Hot weather - As the hot weather will be continuing again this week please ensure your child has a school hat and water bottle with them. We are extremely fortunate to have our classrooms air-conditioned but we still need to remain vigilant on keeping hydrated. We are continuing to remind children of our No Hat No Play policy, please ensure your child has a wide brimmed school hat clearly labelled with their name.

Change of Details - Please remember to have your contact details up to date if we need to contact you at short notice or in an emergency. We use this contact at the end of each semester for our report cards to be sent to and of course your weekly newsletter.

Uniform shop –Wednesday 8am-9.30am. Online ordering is available through flexischools website. www.flexischools.com.au

The uniform shop is looking for old clothes racks for the second hand clothing. If you have any that you are able to donate, please email Vanessa at nessavicky@gmail.com

School Hats - All sizes of the schools hats are back in stock

Lost Property– Please ensure your child has all their items labelled with their name and class. Unfortunately over the term we seem to accumulate a large amount of unnamed property. If everything is labelled it makes the return process so much easier.
Kent Rainbow- Physical Education Teacher.

City District Swimming

Last Friday our nominated swimmers competed at the Valley Pool to gain selection for the City District Swimming Team. It was a fantastic day, with many of the students gaining personal best times and challenging themselves with the higher level competition.

Elise was selected to join the District team in 5 events, and Thomas in 4. We congratulate and wish Elise and Thomas all the best for their next step in competition at the Met North Regional Swimming Trials on the 21st February at Lawnton Pool.
**Around the Classrooms** - Each week we will have a submission from one of our classes to see what the children are learning and enjoying. This week our class featured is Mrs Siebuhr and Mrs Smart Prep S.

Prep S has had a fun first three weeks. The children have settled well into the classroom routine and school environment. A big thank you to our Year 4F buddies who have assisted with making the transition smoother.

Prep S have been busy learning about the difference between words and letters. Last week when constructing our name rockets we discovered that some children in our class have long names, while others have short names. We have also been learning the letters “s”, “a”, “t” and “i”, the sounds they make and how to form them correctly.
‘Keeping up’ at school can be challenging, and at times exhausting, for our students and sometimes it can be difficult for parents to know how best to support them.

For students, Occupational Therapists help with everyday life activities like making friends, exploring and trying new things, playing, being brave, being calm when things are hard, reading, writing, spelling, doing what they’re asked and motor skills. For parents, Occupational Therapists help you understand your children, cope better and know how to help them overcome their challenges.

This semester, we have asked Kids Matter Occupational Therapy to present three parent sessions to assist you to make your child’s transition back to school life and routine and a little less daunting:

1. Wednesday 15th March (Term 1, week 8) - Learning in the Classroom: presented by Julia Eggles
2. Wednesday 26th April (Term 2, week 2) - Mastering Handwriting: presented by Katja Kotaniemi
3. Wednesday 14th June (Term 1, week 9) - Sensory Processing in Everyday Life: presented by Vivienne Williams

All sessions will start at 9:05 am. Venue will be determined by the number of parents attending so will be confirmed closer to the day of each session and will be announced in the newsletter.

If you are interested in attending these sessions, please RSVP by email admin@newfarmss.eq.edu.au and write OT parent session in the subject.

Sandy Chambers - Learning Support

Welcome back to school and to our new families welcome to New Farm. I hope everybody had a lovely, relaxing holiday. For those of you that don’t know me, my name is Sandy Chambers and I work on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. I have two different roles within our school. I am the Support Teacher: Literacy and Numeracy (STL&N) and the English as an Additional Language/ Dialect (EAL/D) teacher.

My role as the STL&N teacher is to support students who have difficulty learning to potential in the differentiated classroom program. Some aspects of this role include:

- Working with class teachers to set goals and strategies to improve student learning outcomes.
- Developing, monitoring and evaluating programs that support students to develop stronger Literacy and Numeracy Skills.
- Working closely with teacher aides to provide these targeted and goal-driven programs for students.
- Providing Professional Development for our Teacher Aides to deliver successful support programs for students.
- Individual Student Support.

EAL/D is the educational acronym that refers to those students whose home language is a language or dialect other than Standard Australian English (SAE) and who require additional support to develop proficiency in SAE, which is the variety of spoken and written English used formally in Australian schools.
My role as the EAL/D teacher includes:

- Developing and monitoring oral language programs for new arrival students who have very little English
- Developing and monitoring programs for students who require ongoing vocabulary development and literacy skills.

I really enjoy working with the students, staff and families at New Farm and I’m looking forward to another terrific year.

Colin McIntyre – Instrumental Music Teacher

Hi All,

Thanks to all families for a terrific response and making the start of the year a musical success. All loan forms have been received so as invoices are processed instruments will be coming home, yeah. Our end of the year celebration concert is the performance culmination of all our years work and includes all instrumental students in various ensembles.

This year it is scheduled for Sunday afternoon the 5th of November so please set aside this afternoon as it is our significant event of the year. Also we have a “beginner band blitz” scheduled for Tuesday June the 6th at the old museum building.

All year 4’s will be invited to attend this one day of workshops, along with plenty of students from other schools, with a concert in the famous landmark at the end of the day. And of course our concert band will be playing at the Fete on Sunday the 30th of July. I look forward to meeting you at these events and please keep encouraging home practise.

Happy music making, Mr Colin McIntyre. Senior instrumental music teacher.

Mei-Lin Chen - LOTE Teacher

LOTE Newsletter

Celebrating the Year of Rooster!

Rooster 鸡 is the tenth in the 12-year cycle of Chinese zodiac sign. The Years of the Rooster include 1921, 1933, 1945, 1957, 1969, 1981, 1993, 2005, 2017. According to Chinese zodiac, people born in the Year of Rooster have many excellent characteristics: such as being honest, bright, communicative and ambitious. Most of them are born pretty or handsome, and prefer to dress up.

In the last few weeks, the Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 students in LOTE class have been celebrating the Chinese New Year Festival (also called “Spring Festival). Students sang the Chinese New Year Song: “Gong Xi Gong Xi ” which means congratulations. The Year 4 students did paper cut 春 (Spring) posters because now is the Spring time in China. The Year 5 students did Year of rooster Zodiac posters. The Year 6 students have done a 3D paper cut 安平 (Ping An) means peaceful and safe.
Smiley Face Awards presented each week to students drawn at random from the rewards box. These students were given a smiley face for displaying one of our school rules: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Safe or Be a Learner.

This week’s recipients are Sophie, Greta, Thomas, Felix, Misha and Brad.

Well done!
Last week I talked about our school rules at New Farm:

**Be Respectful**  
**Be Responsible**  
**Be Safe**  
**Be a Learner**

One of the ways that we teach students the skills for following these rules is through our social skills program. Each term we focus on skills that help student to follow each of these rules. As an example I have included the overview from Term 1. Each week a new social skill is introduced by a class on Friday assembly. This social skill then becomes the focus for the following week and is reinforced through a follow up lesson and class discussions. The skill is also modelled by staff through the week. Certificates are given out on assembly to students who model the skill through the week.

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- **Friendship** (To Have a Friend, Be a Friend)
- **Words of encouragement**
- **Look Listen Learn**
- **Get Organised** (If it’s Meant To Be, It’s Up To Me!)
- **Bully Free Zone**
- **Bullying Awareness** (Let’s Take A Stand Against Bullying)
- **Deal Or No Deal**
- **Everyone’s A Winner**
Focus: Being a good listener and a good learner

Looks Like
- Body is still (no fidgeting)
- Eyes on the speaker
- Non verbal acknowledgement

Sounds Like
- Zero noise/silence
- Verbal acknowledgement or repetition
- Asking questions at the right time

Feels Like
- Understanding of the task
- Success in completing the task
Newsflash - Tuckshop for this Week.

Wednesday 15 February and Friday 16 February.

Tuckshop will be open on Wednesday and Friday this week for pizzas, sandwiches and snacks (including fruit). Parents will need to order at tuckshop and pay cash on the day.

Pizza $4.00 (Wednesday only)
Sausage Sizzle (Friday only)
Sandwiches from -$3.00
Snacks –from $1.00
Seasonal fruit – from $1.00
Poppers, Water and Flavoured Milk -$2.00

Cash only- Please order at the tuckshop

Assembly Awards- Each week teachers awards children in their classes General Awards and Social Skills awards for the relevant skill.

Congratulations to the following students on their awards. Week 3

**General Classroom Awards**-

- Prep N- Robyn, Jake
- 1G- Vivienne, Audrey
- 1T – Emma, Hamish
- 2C – Jet, Katie
- 2FW - Maia
- 3F- Mia
- 4F- Jewel
- 4D- Oliver
- 5D – Ishi, Mackenzie
- 5W – Tiana, Cooper
BANKING:

Commonwealth bank school banking started with 91 students making deposits last Friday.
Older or younger siblings are also welcome to bank with us as well.

If your child would like to be involved please open a Youth Saver account for them at your local Comm Bank. (You can pop in without your child, just take their birth certificate and your photo ID). Then they can just turn up with their bank book and we will set them up in the school banking program.

Friday mornings (not the 1st or last Friday each term)
8.15am outside the library.

Any questions please contact Belinda Hill 0431 721 687

TYPING CLUB:

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.

Keep up the good work and remember to keep those fingers on the home row keys when you are using a keyboard. We have been so happy to see the youngest students learning to type.

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

Contact Claire Mclure 0421 729 360