NEW FARM STATE SCHOOL

“The secret of contentment is knowing how to enjoy what you have, and to be able to lose all desire for things beyond your reach.”
Lin Yutang

From the Principal’s Desk…

In this week’s Social Skill “We Are All Great Let’s Celebrate” we had time to reflect on all our personal and professional achievements throughout the year. I encouraged students and teachers to take time to acknowledge their learning goals and remember all the activities that they have been involved in throughout the school year. I also wish to thank all our parents and in particular, our P&C Executive (Fiona Murcott, Paul Jones, Judith Hunter, Jim Medland and Jim Posner) who go above and beyond in overseeing the numerous fund raising and facilities projects at our school.

Paul Jones has recently resigned as P&C Vice President due to work commitments. A special thank you to Paul for his dedication and commitment during his time with us. On a personal note, a sincere thank you to Paul for his creative contribution to the school.

I wish students, family and staff a happy and safe Christmas holiday and look forward to seeing you all again in 2014. For those leaving New Farm this year, our best wishes go with you.

Social Skills
This week’s social skill is “We’re All Great Let’s Celebrate”. This message is about taking time to recognise achievements and celebrate the hard work and determination required to meet personal or year level goals.

2014 Project Captains
Congratulations to our 2014 Project Captains. They are:

• The Arts — Indigo Eustace and Lily Campbell-Ferguson. The idea of the Arts Group will be to help with performances, to assist with Shine Talent Quest, to help with designing posters/pamphlets/handouts for the other groups when needed and to provide opportunities for other students to be involved in fun, creative activities such as an Arts & Crafts Club in Term 2 or 3.

• Media—Felix Hall and Cayden Floyd. The Media Group is responsible for 6/7 Class Newsletter, Assembly Technology, Technology for any other special events. This group is for students who enjoy organising things, sharing information and news, and love being involved with computer technology.

• Community and Charity—Zoe Gralton, Phoebe Birsks and Billie Manger Ford. This is a fun leadership group where you can raise money for the school, community and international charity. In this group you will be involved in great events such as lunchtime discos or free dress days. This group is for students who love helping people and raising money for others.

2014 FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL
Staff will be in professional training days from Tuesday, 21 January to Friday, 24 January. These four days are a great opportunity to complete induction and to ensure planning for Term 1 is underway and everything is right to start the school year.

Just a reminder also that Australia Day holiday is Monday, 27 January and the first day of school will be Tuesday, 28 January. I look forward to seeing you all then.

The first assembly for the year will be in Week 2 so that we are able to settle our new students, particularly the new Preppies, into the school year.

School Watch
As we begin our Christmas holidays next week, it is important to remind our community to help keep our school safe. If you see anything suspicious in or around our facilities during this holiday period, please remember to call the School Watch number — 13 17 88 or in case of emergency call triple zero (000). If you do see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police to deal with the matter.

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NEW FARM STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Monday
9 December, 2013

DIARY DATES
December 2013
10 Christmas Concert
13 Last Day of School

January 2014
28 Tuesday, 1st day of school

REMININDERS
READING CLUB
Tuesday morning 8.15am in Library.

STUDENT BANKING
No banking this Friday. Banking will resume Week 2, 2014

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Farewell and Thank You

This week we farewell Year 3 teacher, Mr Damien Aldridge who is leaving us at the end of the school year. Thank you to Damien for his enormous contribution to student learning over the past two years. He is much loved for his work in the Fit Club and all the other after school sport activities where he has shown great commitment and enthusiasm. We wish him all the best!

Farewell also to Natalie Rose, our ESL teacher, who has supported our new arrivals and helped improve their confidence and general use of English. We wish her all the best with her new circuit of schools.

We welcome the appointment of Mr John Rafter who has been transferred from Chinchilla school. John is an enthusiastic teacher with experience across all primary year levels. He is looking forward to joining us.

Year 7 Final Day —Friday, 13 December

At 2.50pm on Friday, our Year 7 students have traditionally assembled on the verandah near the library, rung the bell and then walked down the stairs past an informal guard of honour formed by the school community (students, staff and parents). This year younger siblings have also been encouraged to join the guard of honour. We look forward to parents joining us at this time too.

Last Day of School

Students are expected to wear normal school uniform for the final week and teachers aim to maintain as close to regular routines as possible to ensure students remain settled right up until the completion of the school year.

Report Cards

The report cards (in envelopes) will be handed out by the class teachers on Wednesday. If students are not attending for the remainder of the week, the reports will be held in the student’s file in the office.

2014 Class Lists

The 2014 class lists will be on display outside the Library on Friday which is the normal practice at New Farm State School.

Christmas Concert

Thank you to everyone for the great preparation for this year’s Christmas concert. I am sure it will be a wonderful chance for us all to get together to celebrate the end of the school year. Just a reminder that students are to arrive at 5.30pm in their classroom fully dressed in their concert costume. The concert starts at 6pm and concludes at 7.30pm.

Graduation Assembly

Congratulations to all staff involved in the Year 7 Graduation this year. On behalf of the Year 7 students and teachers, I would like to say a big thank you to all the staff who were involved in creating a very special graduation assembly for our departing students. Without your contributions (from table decoration, taking photographs, performing, choreographing, rehearsing, selecting award winners, set-up, printing programmes, selecting trophies and medals, etc. through to operating the sound system) it would not have been as wonderful as it was without your help.

Thank you especially to Kay, Jenny, Julianne, Narelle, Viv, Joy, Cassie and Marina for such a professional job. Thank you to parents who were so positive and generous in their feedback to staff following the special ceremony. I think we all enjoyed the whole school singing, drumming by the Year 1s and the special recognition for families and students.
SCHOOL COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NEWS

STUDENT BANKING—FRIDAYS AT NFSS

We had 70 students banking last week. All the names went into a lucky draw and congratulations to the 4 winners of prize packs at assembly this week!

Thank you so much for everyone’s support this year. It has been a great year for banking and we have made approximately $1275 in commission for the school which Tina will announce on assembly early next year.

Have a great holiday everyone!

Karen Ridout
ridout@optusnet.com.au or 0412 004 644

UNIFORM SHOP — Katherine

We have NEW Uniform Shop opening times—

♦ Wednesday mornings from 8.15am to 9am
♦ Wednesday afternoons from 1pm – 3.30pm

I still have a few specials left on dresses, polos, shorts and hats, just see the rack of “New” items on sale outside the front of the uniform shop.

I’m also looking for second hand uniforms, mainly dresses and polo shirts. So if you can help please drop your pre-loved items into the uniform shop.

2014 extra opening times

21 January 8.30 – 11.30am
22 January 8.30 – 11.30am
23 January 1pm – 3.30pm

2014 AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

The After School Activities for 2014 will include swimming, judo and cricket. Notes to register your interest will be sent home in early Term 1.

Girls, want to try soccer?

New Farm United Soccer Club is a fun and friendly local club for boys and girls from age 5 upwards. Although the 2014 season doesn’t begin until February, we are starting to plan our teams and would like to hear from any interested players.

Girls are welcome to join mixed or all-girl teams. At this stage it looks like we may have the option of all-girl teams for girls born 2001-2005. We also tend to have quite a few girls in our U6 and U7 age-groups but these are kept as mixed teams. If you haven’t played much (or at all), we will be offering four free pre-season introductory training sessions to help you get started.

For more information or to register your interest, contact Helen on 0410 54199 or helen@suitesystems.com.au.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

LAST DAY TUCKSHOP MENU FOR 2014 - FRIDAY

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Please have on-line orders in by 8.00am and counter orders by 9.00am. Ice blocks will be sold over the counter at 11.15 as usual (limited stock of these also).

BBQ roster - 13 December

Adam Gray, Paul Logan, Paul Donatiu, Jim Posner, Jay Leary, Stephen & Allen Webb

WEDNESDAY MENU

We have salad wraps available - vegetarian or with chicken or ham. Pasta is still be available with a vegetarian tomato sauce. Yoghurt, fruit and drinks are also available. On-line orders close at 8.00am. Counter orders must be in before 9.00am.

A big thank you to everyone who helped and supported the tuckshop over the year. We wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and holiday season and hope to see you all next year. Terri-Anne and Jin
The weather was hot and humid for our swimming carnivals. Thank you to staff for ensuring it all went so well. It certainly takes a team effort. Special thanks to Kent, Rachel F, Cassie, Terry and Dee for ensuring the carnival was well planned, organised and set up for the children. The atmosphere and participation was great. The students across all year levels were excited by the points tally which helped create a good deal of team enthusiasm and excitement. Thank you to all students for their keen participation and house spirit. We done to overall winners Teneriffe!

Thinking Artists Project

A special thank you to Year 2 teachers, Ms Sue Campbell and Ms Wendy Maslen for their involvement with the Imaginary Theatre team—Verena, Thom and Fiona who worked with the Year 2 students in the Thinking Artists project throughout Term 4. Their presentation to parents at the Powerhouse last week was a real treat. Thank you to so many parents who were able to be there. It was a full house and helped to create a great atmosphere for students performing for the first time.

Focus:
Children celebrating individual and group achievements.
Emphasise to students that a person doesn’t always have to depend on others to reward his/her actions.

Looks Like
- Students smiling at the achievements of others.
- Students smiling at the achievements of themselves.
- Students being positive towards other students who are trying their hardest.

Sounds Like
- Students using positive language to praise your own efforts
- Students using positive language to praise others efforts (“Way to go”, “I did really well”)

Feels Like
- Being proud of yourself

SWIMMING LESSON INTENSIVES

We are running 2 one week blocks of lessons. Lessons run for 5 consecutive days at the same time each day. Intensives are a great way of building skills needed to become a stronger swimmer or helping children take the first steps needed to start them off.

If you want to see amazing results try an intensive Lessons run from 9 am - 12pm Cost is $70. Call Jo on 0414 486 767

We are now opened to bookings for Term 1 2014 We run lessons from 3:10pm. They run for 30 min and are in groups of four. We offer all levels from baby and me through to mini squad + adult non swimmer.

Term 1 is a 10 week term at a cost of $140.
Please call Jo on 0414 486 767

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