NEW FARM STATE SCHOOL

"As I grow to understand life less and less, I learn to love it more and more.”
Jules Renard

From the Principal’s Desk….

Parent Representatives

We currently have about half of the parent representatives for 2014 but really need more parents to volunteer. Please contact your child’s teacher if you are interested in taking on this role or sharing the role with another parent. Thank you to everyone that has already put their hand up to volunteer.

**Role of Parent Rep:**

- Be a contact for the class teacher with the parent group.
- Establish a phone/email network with class parents.
- Assist the teacher to source volunteers for class activities (e.g. excursions, groups, swimming).
- Welcome new families into the class with a note, telephone or meeting and provide them with neighbourhood information.
- Organise social activities (1 per term) with class parents/families (e.g. coffee morning, dinner, picnic, movie).
- Co-ordinate support for identified families in need (e.g. parent in hospital, accidents etc).
- Delegate responsibilities to share workload (e.g. fete, working bees, welcome new families BBQ).
- Act in confidence with matters relating to students and families.
- All teaching and learning issues - do not discuss with parent and refer parent to class teacher or Principal.

Volunteers Needed Urgently

Can you spare some time? An hour, a few hours, a day, once a week, once a month, once a term?

Many of our school’s activities and services, such as uniform shop, tuckshop, garden club and school banking, rely on the generosity of a small band of volunteer helpers. We need more volunteers to help share the load and to keep them running.

There are lots of ways to help in different areas throughout the school. It is also a great way to meet new families, or catch up with some friends. For more details contact Fiona at pandc@newfarmss.eq.edu.au

Fire Drill

We will be conducting a Fire Drill this week. This is a perfect time to revise our evacuation procedures with our students, especially our new students. Each term we conduct a fire evacuation drill and lockdown drill to ensure staff, students and visitors maintain current knowledge and understanding of how to proceed during these drills. Drills are conducted regularly so that procedures are routine and efficient. If you are on school grounds at the time of the drill, please ensure that you follow directions from staff.
Social Skills

This week’s Social Skill message is “Look Listen Learn”. Please talk to your children at home about the importance of their learning time in class. See more information on the back page. Thank you to Mr Fitzgerald and his class for organising the social skill for assembly.

Pick Up and Drop Off Times

Understandably parking around pick-up and drop-off times around our school can be rather hectic from time to time. We have been contacted by the Police Traffic Branch to inform us that the Police will be increasing their patrols of parking in the direct vicinity of the school over the next few weeks. Please ensure you are aware of the restrictions relating to street parking near the school, not just to avoid an infringement, but more importantly for the safety of our students and the community.

Heal Street - There is a designated disability park in the Heal Street area at the front of the school. In order to ensure the safety of all students, do not park in this specific area where access for persons in wheelchairs may be necessary. There is also restricted parking on the school side of the street. It is very important that parents don’t double park, as this is a great inconvenience for other drivers.

Hawthorne Street - It is important for children to wait inside the school fence until they see their parents. Parents collecting students in the pick-up zone on Hawthorne Street should be aware that it is a 2 minute loading zone. Parents should not park and leave their vehicles in this area during school hours as it can cause a great deal of disruption to the flow of traffic. It is very important that parents don’t double park as this is a great inconvenience for other drivers.

Visitors and Parents

Thank you for everyone that has started helping out in the classrooms. A reminder that all visitors must sign in on arrival at the front desk and sign out at departure to ensure that we follow correct procedures.

Make Every Day Count in 2014

Our latest School attendance data indicates that we now have the highest number of students attending regularly (95% to 100% of the time). It is a significant improvement on previous years and this is a result of parents, teachers and office staff working together. Research shows that students who have good patterns of attendance are more likely to achieve at school. If students aren’t at school or don’t stay the whole day, they are missing valuable lessons. Check out the new Every Day Counts videos live on DETE TV. http://www.youtube.com/DETTQueensland

Leadership Conference

Mrs Alcorn and the 6 New Farm House Captains are heading off on Thursday 27 February for an all-day Leadership Conference. This is held at the Chandler Theatre and students will have a wonderful opportunity to discuss the nature of leadership.

All sessions include main presentations, interactive activities, discussions, leadership games, entertainment. The topics are exciting, contemporary and provoke thoughtful discussions.

The students involved are: Teneriffe: Asha W and Sasha G; Binkinba: Georgina B and Jazmine G; Merthyr: Olivia M and Connor P.

Thank you to the City-New Farm RSL Sub Branch for again supporting our Leadership Initiative.

Sun safety

We have been experiencing some exceptionally hot days lately and I am sure we are all hoping this hot weather will ease off soon. Please remind your children to drink plenty of water and always wear a hat and sunscreen when playing outside.
SCHOOL COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NEWS

TUCKSHOP NEWS

STUDENT BANKING — FRIDAYS AT NFSS

We had an amazing 103 students banking last week!!

We have 2 classes that consistently have a large number of students banking every week. Well done 3 / 4 W and P/1 M you both had 12 children banking last week.

I had a couple of students ask last week about the interest rate on their account. The Youthsaver account is designed to encourage regular saving and currently pays a bonus interest rate of 3.9% ONLY IF you make at least one deposit during the month and no withdrawals. Interest is paid quarterly. If you don’t qualify for the bonus then the interest rate is only .01%!

Every time you bank this term your name will go into the draw to win the back pack prize, so keep up the good saving everyone.

The new rewards for this term are a handball or scented pencils and will take a couple of weeks to arrive once you put your request in as I am no longer able to keep rewards in stock.

I will be at assembly most Mondays so please don’t hesitate to come and see me after, if you have any questions.

Karen Ridout
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NFSS UNIFORM SHOP — Katherine

Open times: Wednesdays 8.15 to 9.00am and again from 2.45 to 3.30pm.

Volunteers are always needed in and around school and the uniform shop is no different. So if you think you can help out, please come and see me at the Uniform Shop.

Also if anyone would like to donate their pre-loved uniforms to me at uniform shop, that would be greatly appreciated too.

Thanks Katherine

CALMER CLUB
FOR CALM AND HAPPY KIDS

Every Tuesday lunchtime from 1.30 to 1.50 pm

Children will be learning yoga techniques for healthy and supple bodies, and meditation techniques for healthy minds.

With Mrs Alcorn in the hall. All students from Grade 1 to 7 welcome.

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Tuckshop opens two days a week - Wednesdays and Fridays. Wednesday is a limited menu of Pizza and Pasta (hand made by our wonderful cook Jin) and some snacks and drinks. Friday’s menu is more extensive and we sell ice blocks over the counter at 11.15am.

ONLINE ORDERING

We have on-line ordering available for tuckshop. To register go to www.flexischools.com.au. We encourage you to use this website, it is quick and easy and orders can be done in advance to save that rush in the morning.

WEDNESDAY MENU FOR TERM 1

PIZZA & PASTA is back. We have lunch size pizzas and vegetarian pasta available on a Wednesday only. There is Ham & Pineapple ($3.50) or Cheese & Tomato ($3.00) pizzas available. Yoghurt, fruit and drinks are also available. On-line orders close at 8.00am. Counter orders must be in before 9.00am.

FRIDAY TUCKSHOP

To avoid the long queues on Friday mornings you can order online. Cut off time is 8.00am on Fridays. If you order over the counter, please have your order in before 9.00am and make sure you have your child’s name and class clearly marked.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER - 28th February

Tuckshop - Rosemarie Cremona, Rachel Kendrick
Counter (8.30 - 9.15am) - Gillian Penrose & Natalie Watson
Baking - Cath Byrne, Dimity Williams, Jodie Neilson, Kylie Harry, Mehera Milne, Catrina Dalla & Gina Rahmel

Thank you to every one who supports the tuckshop.

Terri-Anne and Jin
Respect Yourself    Respect Others    Respect Property

Social Skills

Look    Listen    Learn

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

The Centre is currently accepting enquiries for these FREE parenting programs:

- **Management of Young Children Program - MYCP**
  Intensive behaviour management strategies for children 2 ½ to 7 years - Terms 1 to 4.

- **Success 4 Kids**
  A single session parenting course that explores factors that influence How Children Learn.

- **FaB 4 Kids**
  Short-term parenting course (2 Sessions): Helping Children Cope with Challenging Situations and Events-Managing Anxiety.

- **Plan B 4 Kids**
  A group parenting course (2 Sessions): A problem solving approach to managing children’s behaviour.

Parents can contact the Enoggera Parent Education Centre directly for further information. Tel 3355 9202

New Sports Banners

Our new Sports Banners have arrived. Don’t they look great! On display in the hall for a short time.

Bright Minds Brilliant Futures

In 2013, 62% of Queensland Academies’ International Baccalaureate Diploma students achieved an OP 1 - 5 equivalent score.*

The 2013 state average OP 1 – 5 score is 30.06%.

Queensland Academies

Upcoming Information Sessions

Tuesday 4 March 2014 4:00pm - 7:00pm
Crewe West End Campus
51 Crewe Street, East Toowoomba

Tuesday 4 March 2014 9:00am - 2:00pm
Jervis Bay Education Campus
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Saturday 8 March 2014 9:30am - 1:30pm
Camden High School Campus
29 George Street, Camden

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