NEW FARM STATE SCHOOL

“You don’t have to be great to get started but you have to get started to be great.”
Les Brown

From the Principal's Desk….

School Crossing Issues

It has been recently brought to my attention that some parents are not familiar with procedures for crossing the zebra crossing. Children’s crossings operate only when the red ‘children crossing’ flags are displayed. They are designed to help children cross the road safely near schools. To use a children's crossing:

• Wait on one side of the road for the supervisor to walk out on to the crossing with a red stop sign.

• Cross once the traffic has stopped at the white stop lines on the road and the crossing supervisor has blown a whistle.

Please click on the following link for more information http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Travel-and-transport/Pedestrians-and-walking/Pedestrian-guide.aspx#crossing

You’re Invited…

To celebrate the new Playground & revamped Library

Meet at the Library but grab a beverage & a bite to eat from the COFFEE VAN first

*Wednesday 19 March
*Coffee Van from 8 am
*Tour from 9 am
Social Skills

This week’s Social Skill message is “Bully Free Zone”. Teachers will be speaking to students about the four main types of bullying, which are: physical, emotional, verbal and cyber bullying. Please click on the following links http://www.psychology.org.au/publications/tip_sheets/bullying/#s9 http://bullyingnoway.gov.au/ and see the back page for more information. Thank you to Mr Rafter and his class for organising the social skill for assembly.

Lockdown Drill

We will be conducting a Lockdown 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.

Art and Music Space (Undercroft)

Last week we were notified by Capital Works Department that our project has finally passed the final approval stage which hopefully means we will see some progress soon. Much planning has gone into this project by all involved and we are very keen to see works commence. We will keep you informed of any impact this project will have on our daily school routine as we know more about the scheduled works.

School Photos

As you all know School Photos are taking place on Tuesday 18 March. Order forms have been handed out and orders are due in the Office on Monday 17 March. Any orders placed after this date must be done so with the Photographer. Here is the tentative timetable for the day.

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NFSS AMATEUR SWIM CLUB

Fun through swimming for primary school aged children

Swimming Club has resumed again for Term 1 and we have had strong re-enrolments this year with a record number of 98 kids enrolled and competing in Monday night races. We have been blessed with some warm weather and the pool is a great temperature. Already there have been some great results with many children doing personal best times for the season. Congratulations to the following award winners:

- Cibo Espresso Swimmer of the Week – Zoe Grafton
- Most Improved Swimmer – Nat Stathis

Thank you to Peta Tilse and all the volunteers running the Sausage Sizzle on Monday nights from the tuckshop and to Rayners Meats for supplying the sausages. It was very well received last week and enjoyed by all the kids. All money raised goes toward NFSS Swimming Pool.

Thanks also to all the parent helpers who help out with the meat. Any queries please contact Kara Chudleigh or Kylie Harri at nfss.swimclub@hotmail.com or 0408017696.
SCHOOL COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NEWS

STUDENT BANKING — FRIDAYS AT NFSS

We had another amazing week last week with 111 students banking! Well done to 3/4W and 3C with 13 students banking last week. You were very closely followed by 2F with 11.

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.

Finally I have some of the outstanding rewards to hand out on assembly this week. So congratulations go to Ryan Y, Oliver L, Nate S, Mia R, William E, Charlotte S, Melia J, Harvey J, Scarlett R, Christian W, Valentin M, Diane L and Elyse T.

A very big thank you to Jake T’s mum, Rachael Kendrick for helping me with banking last week. I really appreciate your help!

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

Apologies to Owen P, Jackson M and Jake T, your rewards are not far away!

Karen Ridoutt
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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.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Tuckshop opens two days a week - Wednesdays and Fridays. Wednesday menu has limited meals and some snacks and drinks. Friday’s menu is more extensive and we sell iceblocks 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

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 - 14th March

Tuckshop - Gillian Penrose, Kris Webb & Carla Ranson
Counter (8.30 - 9.15am) - Michelle Gerrard & Lyn Zollo
Baking - Carla Ranson, Kara Chudleigh, Nikki Mortimer, Kirsten Medland, Dimity Williams & Lyn Zollo

Thank you to every one who supports the tuckshop. Terri-Anne and Jin
Bully Free Zone

Focus:
Children realising that bullying is being deliberately hurtful when it is difficult for the other person to defend themselves and is repeated over time. Bystanders can help by reporting what they have seen and heard.

Looks Like
• A happy, peaceful school environment with no bullying behaviours taking place.
• Students choosing to not put up with bullying behaviour.

Sounds Like
• Everyone getting along.
• Students reporting bullying behaviours if they see, hear or feel it.

Feels Like
• A friendly place to be.
• Student feeling safe to come to school.
• Reporting bullying behaviours makes a nicer environment for all.

Assembly Social Skill Awards
Week 6 - "Look, Listen, Learn".
Congratulations to the following students:
Prep T - Mika R
Prep NJ - Finn M
Prep/1M - Max M & Lachlan D
2F - Jessica F
3/4W - Julia K & William K
5D - Piper P

Interested in the school garden?
If you're interested in the school garden, we'd like to invite you to pop into Little Farm (the garden area where the chickens are at the top of Hawthorne St) anytime from 1.30pm to 3.30pm this Thursday 13th March. We'll be having an informal meeting about our plans for the year and how people can be involved.

Whether you're a regular at the garden, or a new parent, we'd love to hear about your ideas and interests. Some of the regular helpers are no longer available so we're really keen to hear from anyone who is interested in helping in any way (eg feeding chickens, watering, working bees, sourcing plants, advising, supervising kids, outdoor crafts).

For more information, or if you'd like to get involved but can't make it on Thursday, contact Helen on 0410 541997 or helen@suitesystems.com.au.

Harmony Day
On Friday the 21st March (week 8) we will be celebrating Harmony Day. The message of Harmony Day is Everyone Belongs. It is a day to celebrate Australia’s diversity and to stress the importance of social harmony. On the day students can wear ORANGE CLOTHES / ACCESSORIES or a FAMILY NATIONAL COSTUME. A fun activity will be completed in the classrooms.

Supporting the school community with local knowledge, trust, friendliness and professionalism
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