Monday
24 March, 2014

DIARY DATES

April
4 Last day of Term 1
22 Start of Term 2
(Please note this is a Tuesday)
24 School Anzac Day
Ceremony at 10am
25 Anzac Day (Public Holiday)

May
31 Annual Trivia Night

REMINDERS

READING CLUB
Tuesday morning 8.15am in Library.

STUDENT BANKING
Please note: This Friday 28 March is the last banking day for the term.
See inside for details.

Great Results Guarantee

Our GRG plan has now been approved and will be uploaded to our website by Friday 28 March. Teaching staff have begun analysing student data and are currently developing support and enrichment programs and in-class lesson times with teachers. The focus of our work will continue to be improving literacy and numeracy achievements for all students.

3 Way Conversations

At the end of term 1 and 3 each year teachers collate student assessment data and work samples ready for progress discussion with parents. The idea of 3 way conversations is to encourage student and parent involvement in clarifying achievement and in setting clear learning goals for the next term. Teachers will be sending home notes within the next fortnight and interviews will be arranged for the end of this term and into the first fortnight of term 2.

Before and After School Supervision

Playground supervision commences at 8.30am and is limited to the areas under and around A Block – it does not include playground equipment. If a student arrives before 8.30 they must be waiting on the seats under A Block. Some students may be required to be on the grounds before or after school hours for various reasons – before or after school sport training or Instrumental/Band Tuition or other rostered activities. Students not involved in a specific activity should not be at school before 8.30a.m. or after 3.20p.m. Students needing to be dropped off earlier or picked up later should take advantage of Outside School Hours Care. Your child’s safety is at risk when you choose not to comply with this request.

Social Skills

This week’s social skills message is ‘Deal Or No Deal’ and reflects our school rule ‘Be Safe’. In this lesson we teach students there are some times when you can ‘deal’ with a situation and there are some times when you must ‘not deal’ with something yourself but instead report the incident to an adult. When learning how to ‘deal’ with a situation, we teach the ‘high five’ strategy of ‘ignore, walk away, talk friendly, talk firmly, report’. The ‘No Deal’ strategy applies when a person or property is physically harmed or threatened, or if any bullying (emotional, physical, verbal or cyber) occurs. As bullying is identified as ‘patterns’ of behaviour, it fits the ‘no deal’ strategy. ‘No Deal’ means we report to an adult to get support and assistance. Mr Coyle and Year 1 helped present this lesson on assembly.

“Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible.”
Dalai Lama

From the Principal’s Desk….
Active After School Communities

Our term 1 activities will conclude this week, with no activities running next week. Thank you to all our coaches and staff (Mr Rainbow, Mr Wilson, and Mr Rafter) who have helped keep our programs running so smoothly each week.

Library and Playground Opening

Thank you again to those parents who attended our open morning last week. We enjoyed a tour of the new playground and heard a little about how this is one aspect of the school’s Master Plan which builds a play corridor to the oval. This followed by a visit to our newly refurbished library where we thanked those involved in the planning and project work, as well as the new ideas for this year’s programs. A special thank you to our P&C executive Fiona Murcott, Judith Hunter, Former Vice President Paul Jones, Treasurer Jim Medland and Secretary Jim Posner for their determination and commitment to ensuring both this projects were seen through to completion. Thank you to Craig Chudleigh, Leisa Stathis, Liza Armstrong, Annalisa O’Toole, Dyan Burgess, Joy Lenzinger, Narelle Hoelzl and Terry Kunde for their efforts as part of our school’s Library committee. Our students are delighted by both new facilities.

Harmony Day

Thank you to Mrs Stanley and Mrs Chambers for organising this year’s Harmony Day activities for classes. The students and staff really embraced the meaning of the day and followed beautifully from our last few weeks’ of social skills which focussed on ‘anti-bullying’ and culminated in the National Stand Against Bullying week.

Highly Commended Award

A big congratulations goes to past student Hugh Rayner, who recently received the Brisbane State High School TJ Ryan Highly Commended Award for 2014. He received $1000. Well done!

Thank you

Thank you to CIBO New Farm for their continued support to the Swim Club. It is greatly appreciated.

RSPCA Million Paws Walk

What: RSPCA Million Paws Walk
Where: Sunday 18 May 2014

On Sunday 18 May 2014, more than 20,000 people and their dogs will walk in Queensland to show their support for animals in need. Will you join them on the walk to help stop animal cruelty?

Register for the Million Paws Walk today! Funds raised from registrations, merchandise sales and fundraising pages, will help to provide essential care, veterinary treatment, food and shelter for more than 18,000 dogs that RSPCA Qld cares for each year. Sign up today to help give another dog a second chance at a happy life.
**SCHOOL COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NEWS**

**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

We had exactly the same as the previous week with 115 students banking again last week. Fantastic!!

Congratulations to 3/4W and P/1M with 13 students banking last week, closely followed by 2F with 11.

This Friday is the last banking for the term so don’t forget your bank books and your name will go the draw to win the back pack prize. We will draw the name out next week on assembly.

Thanks again Rachael Kendrick for helping to collect the bank books and a big welcome to banking and thanks to Teniell Jocumsen for helping on Friday. I really appreciate your help ladies!

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

Karen Ridout
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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.

**STUDENT BANKING — FRIDAYS AT NFSS**

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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.

**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. The pizza and pasta sauce is made by our lovely cook Jin with fresh ingredients.

**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. All the meals, sandwiches, fruit, boiled eggs and popcorn are made fresh.

**TUCKSHOP ROSTER - 28th March**

Tuckshop - Petrina Ballantine, Wendy Peard-Castles & Judith Hunter

Counter (8.30 - 9.15am) - Kris Webb & Sue Fuller

Baking - Bec Litchfield, Petrina Ballantine, Fiona Caniglia, Dimity Williams, Skye McKay, Gina Rahmel & Lyn Zollo

Thank you to everyone who supports the tuckshop.

Terri-Anne and Jin
Respect Yourself    Respect Others   Respect Property

Social Skills

Deal Or No Deal

Focus:
Children understand that there are some situations they can deal with themselves and there are some where it is important to report to an adult.

Looks Like

Deal:
Students ignoring the student, uses their hands to show the student stop, moving away, telling the teacher if the issue persists.

No Deal:
Students reporting major incidents immediately to the teacher on duty.

Students letting them know everything that has happened.

Sounds Like

Deal:
Talking calmly and firmly.

Students saying stop I don’t like it or use an ‘I’ statement e.g. when you take my pencils I can’t do my work.

Students explaining clearly why they don’t like it and why.

No Deal:
Students telling the teacher the truth about what happened and giving them all the information.

Feels Like

Deal:
Students feeling in control of the situation when they use their words.

No Deal:
Students feeling good that they have informed the teacher.

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Assembly Social Skill Awards
Week 8 - "Bully Free Zone".

Congratulations to the following students:

1S - Freya N
2F - Hudson R
3SR - Alexander N
4R - Lauren C, Annie C
4/5F - Freya M-G
5D - Patrick V, Sophie C, Christian L
6/7A - Sebastian V-T

Assembly Student Awards

Congratulations to the following students:

Prep T - Harvey J, Frankie L-S
1S - Andoni A
1C - Xavier B, Joseph B
3SR - Elise R
4R - Charlotte H, Raihan B
6/7A - Xavier B

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Thursday gardening at Little Farm

Thank you to the many families who have shown interest in the school’s garden and chickens in our Little Farm (at the top of Hawthorne Street).

Everyone is invited to get involved in the garden. In particular we will be re-starting our Thursday gardening days. This will involve:

1.30pm - 2pm - Thursday Lunchtime Garden Club for students. Mrs Maslen kindly supervises any children who want to come to the garden at second break on a Thursday.

This is a fun and busy time, so parents are welcome to come along and help supervise and see the kids enjoying the space. REMEMBER TO SIGN IN AT OFFICE BEFORE GOING TO GARDEN AREA.

2pm - 3pm - Parent Gardening. Once the children have returned to class, any remaining parents help tidy the area and do jobs in the garden (and chat!) until the bell rings.

3pm onwards - Family Gardening. If your child likes spending time in the garden, take this opportunity to garden together with other interested families. It’s more about enjoying each other’s company (bring afternoon tea) and doing a few small jobs like weeding and watering, but if you have ideas for new garden beds or bigger projects, let us know. The garden belongs to everyone, so all ideas are welcome. You can garden other afternoons as well, but this is the afternoon that we’ve chosen to get things started, thanks to the interest of two new prep mums, Iris and Lisa. No experience or knowledge necessary! If you’d like to be added to our mailing list email helen@suitesystems.com.au.

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