Monday
5 May, 2014

DIARY DATES
May
5-9 Evacuation Drill
8 Lunchtime Disco
(Yr 3)
13-15 NAPLAN Tests
Years 3, 5 & 7
18 Madison Madness
Fashion Pop-up
Sale
21 Artslink
Performance (Prep-
Yr 3)
22&29 Gala Days
31 P & C Annual Trivia
Night. Starting at
7pm.
June
5 Gala Day

REMINDERS
READING CLUB
Tuesday morning 8.15am
in Library.

STUDENT BANKING
Please note:
Banking this Friday 9 May.
See inside for details.

“Hope is like the sun, which, as we journey toward it, casts the shadow of our burden behind us.”
Samuel Smiles

From the Principal’s Desk….

Social Skills
This week’s Social Skill lesson is ‘To Have a Friend, Be a Friend’. Mr Wilson’s Yr 3/4
class presented the lesson on assembly this week. This lesson reinforces the school rule
‘Be Respectful’. Students will learn the qualities of a good friend and try to practise these
with their class mates. It is important to feel confident and secure among friends and
family and learning the quality will help promote healthy positive friendships. We can all
learn these skills and practise using them at school and at home.

Active After School Communities Program
Our term 2 sport notes have been given out to students and groups are being finalised
by the office. Completed forms should be returned to the office by 3pm on Wednesday 7
May. Activities will run from Monday 12 May to Thursday 19 June. Sports are as follows:
Monday 3:15 – 4:15pm Tennis (on the Netball court), Wednesday 3:15 – 4:15pm Soccer
(on the oval) and Thursday 3:15 – 4:15pm Touch Football (on the oval).
Parents and carers are reminded to ensure they collect their children promptly at
4:15 pm and ensure they have been signed out by the supervising teacher.

Parent Rep Meeting
Our Term 2 meeting will be held on Wednesday 7 May in the room next to the office
from 2 – 3pm. We look forward to catching up.

NAPLAN Tests Years 3, 5, 7
Next week is NAPLAN Week! Students in Yrs 3, 5 and 7 will take part in the tests over
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. If you have a child participating in the tests, here
are a couple of helpful hints to assist your child in surviving the week:
Stay calm! – Breathe and keep the test in perspective.
Eat a healthy and filling breakfast.
Get a good night’s sleep.
Be positive and have a go!
Should your child be absent on any of the test days, arrangements will be made for
students to sit catch-up tests on Friday 16May. Students who are absent on all test days
are not, however, expected to complete all of the tests on Friday 16 May 2014 and will
be marked as absent for the tests they were unable to complete.
Teachers will provide students with the appropriate pencils for the tests. Please ensure
your child has an eraser and their water bottle on test days. Good luck!

Cross Country
A special thank you goes to Mrs Buckley, Mr Rainbow, staff and parents for their help
today with marshalling. Thank you also to our parent representatives for sharing
information about today. Good luck to all of our students that will be representing NFSS
in the district trials tomorrow.
Buddha Birthday Performance

Congratulations to all our students who performed at the Buddha Birthday Festival on Saturday night at the Southbank Courier Mail Piazza. It was an honour for our students and school to be showcased at such an exciting event in Brisbane. The student choir sang while other students danced for the audience. Thank you to Mrs Chen and Ms Thacker for their efforts in preparing the students for the night. The students performed so well in front of a huge audience which included many special guests such as the Premier and Brisbane’s Lord Mayor.

Community Spirit Awards

This week I will be meeting with staff and parents to discuss our 2014 ‘Community Spirit Awards’. Last year we introduced these awards to our school community and we were thrilled with the number and variety of entries we received. These awards are a great opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate some of the many people in our school community who volunteer their precious time and skills to make our school and wider community a better place. We again hope to encourage the recognition of a wide range of people, such as students, staff, parents and others associated with our school. Please start thinking of those who you believe deserve to be recognised and keep an eye out for more details coming soon.

Jabiru - Before and After School Care

The program is now fully booked on Tuesday and Wednesday. There is a waiting list in place, please call 3254 1210.

Lunchtime Disco

The Community and Charity Leadership group are hosting a series of lunchtime dances again this year. The first disco for 2014 will be held for Year 3 students, and will be on Thursday 8 May, at second lunch on the second bell.

Cost is $2 for admission and an icy-pole OR $1 for just admission. There is also a prize for the best dancer, and the person wearing the best dance accessory! So come along, dance your heart out and have FUN!!

Evacuation 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. All visitors and volunteers should sign into the office on arrival to the school and sign out when leaving. If you are on school grounds at the time of the drill, please ensure that you follow directions from staff.

Everyday counts

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/DETQueensland

Smart Choices

During the year, our school will be promoting healthy eating at all school events, including fundraising events. Visit http://www.education.qld.gov.au/schools/healthy/food-drink-strategy.html for more information on Smart Choices.

Newsletter by Email

We are presently updating our student contact database and as a result, we are not able to email the weekly newsletter link to your email address. We expect that this project will take approximately one month to complete. As usual, you can still access the newsletter via our website on https://newfarmss.eq.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx. It will be uploaded every Tuesday. Thank you for your patience.
SCHOOL COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NEWS

STUDENT BANKING — FRIDAYS AT NFSS
A great first week back to banking with 87 students! Well done to Prep/1M and 3/4 W with 12 students closely followed by 2F and 2M with 10! Lots of very consistent savers!
Congratulations to Euan M, William T, Nathan M and Lysander C, for receiving their rewards this week.
Term one commission that we have earned for the school is $420.89!
Make 3 deposits this term and you go in the draw to win some fantastic prizes from the Commonwealth Bank. More info next newsletter.
Thank you Tениiel Jocumsen for helping with banking last week!
Karen Ridoutt
ridoutt@optusnet.com.au
or 0412 004 644

TRIVIA NIGHT AUCTION
On the night we will also be running a small Live Auction.
We currently have a Michael Hussey signed and framed photo (sponsored by Commonwealth Bank), a $300 voucher from Highgate Hill Veterinary Services and another big surprise to be announced next week from Virgin. If you have a holiday home on the coast and would be interested in donating a weekend away that we could also auction off please let us know. Karen Ridoutt. 0412 004 644

Around the World in an Ashgrove Day - Fete
Come along to Ashgrove State School’s annual Mother’s Day Fete and pick up a treat for mum and grandma. There are stalls with cakes, jams, arts & crafts, flowers, sweets pre-loved treasures, gingerbread decorating, baby animals and lots more. Rides start at 9am and All Day Ride Bracelets can be purchased for $40 (individual rides $5/$6). The Auction starts at 3pm and there’s entertainment throughout the day.
When: Saturday 10 May, 9am-3pm
Where: Ashgrove State School, 31 Glory Street, Ashgrove

NFSS UNIFORM SHOP — Katherine
Opening times: Next term the Uniform Shop will only be open Wednesday mornings from 8.15 to 9.15am.
New stock items: Soon we will be carrying new maroon school fleece vests at a cost of $18.00 each and school chair bags to give children extra desk space at a cost of $9 each.
As always I would love the donation of any pre-loved uniforms for the Uniform Shop.
Regards Katherine

TRIVIA NIGHT RAFFLE
A big thank you to those families that have already sold and returned their raffle money.
We currently have received $165. There are some fantastic prizes to be won including 1st prize, an Apple iPad sponsored by Place.
We are hoping that all families could try really hard to sell one book of 5 tickets. If we do, then this alone will raise $5600 for our beautiful school.
If you would like more booklets they are in the office next to the Trivia Night collection box. Thanks for your support. Karen Ridoutt.

TUCKSHOP NEWS
Tuckshop opens two days a week - Wednesdays and Fridays. Wednesday’s 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 Fridays please order in advance. 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— 9th May
Tuckshop - Heidi Gerton, Michelle Gerrard & Judy Dahl
Counter (8.30 - 9.15am) - Fiona Cangilia & Jim Posner
Baking - Dimitry Williams, Nikki Mortimer, Cath Byrne, Kirsten Medland, Alison Menzies & Petrina Ballantine
Thank you to everyone who supports the tuckshop.
Terri-Anne and Jin
Social Skills

To Have A Friend
Be A Friend

Focus:
Students should be kind to others and look for ‘good’ friendship skills in others.

Looks Like
• Joining in and letting others join in
• Having fun

Sounds Like
• Positive Words
• Friendly talk
• Encouraging others
• Laughing

Feels Like
• Feels secure
• Enjoying time and activities with friends

Community Education Program Update
As this term draws to a close, it’s time to think about re-booking or deciding on new activities for term 2! Classes will begin in week 1 or 2 of the school term, and most will run for 8 weeks. Check the brochure for specific start dates, class times and course length. The Term 2 CEP brochure is available via email: nfsscommunityed@live.com.au

Hard copies are being sent home or may be picked up in the school office.

What’s on offer for kids?
The usual hot ticket items are back including active pursuits like Hip Hop (NEW DAY) and Gymnastics, plus creative and intellectual activities like Art, Drama, French, and NEW THIS TERM, African Drumming for Kids!

Art with Meredith and private music lessons (Guitar, Piano, Vocal) continue to be very popular and are nearly booked up. You are always welcome to enquire, as occasional openings do arise, and if nothing is available your name can be placed on the waiting list. Kids and adults alike are welcome to apply for private music lessons.

What’s on offer for adults?
Learn a fascinating game in Mahjong lessons, get active with Zumba-style aerobics, or strengthen your body with morning/evening Pilates classes. Join in song with the Community Choir, build on your existing creative ability with an intermediate/continuing Sewing Skills class, or broaden your linguistic horizons with a course in French or Italian. How about learning to cook delicious Italian food in a 3-week workshop?

Want a bit more information? Class descriptions and tutor bios are available on the school website. Go to the Community Ed section and look for the Term 2 Syllabus link.

NEWSFLASH!
JUDO is coming to NFSS! A late addition to our CEP program for term 2. Judo classes will run in the school hall on Mondays, 3.15 - 4.15pm. Classes will run for 8 weeks, beginning Monday April 28th. The fee for Judo class is $100.

Students from Prep through Yr 7 may apply.
To enrol, you will need to email the CEP coordinator on nfsscommunityed@live.com.au