Monday
19 May, 2014

DIARY DATES

May
21 Artslink Perf (P-3)
23 P&C Day
22&29 Gala Days
31 P&C Trivia Night Starting at 7pm.

June
2-6 Evacuation Drill
5 Gala Day
12 Class Disco (Yr 2)
13 Athletics Day (Track P-Yr 2)
19 Athletics Day (Field 9-13yrs)
20 Athletics Day (Track Yr 3-7)
27 End of Term 2

REMINDERS

READING CLUB
Tuesday morning 8.15am in Library.

STUDENT BANKING
Please note:
Banking this Friday 23 May.
See inside for details.

Upcoming City District Trial dates:
19 May - Tennis (12yrs Boys & Girls)
6 June - Rugby Union (12yrs Boys)
19 June - Softball (12yrs girls)
4 & 5 August (if wet - 11 &12) - Track & Field (12yrs)
22 August - Cricket (11&12yrs boys)
9 Nov - Triathlon by direct entry to MN trial (12yrs)
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From the Principal’s Desk….

“Happiness is where we find it, but rarely where we seek it.”
J. Petit Senn

Social Skills
This week’s Social Skill lesson is ‘Different But The Same’. Mrs Fletcher’s Yr 4/5 class presented the lesson on assembly this week. This lesson reinforces the school rule ‘Be Respectful’. This lesson aims to help students develop an awareness of difference and diversity and to appreciate and value the similarities and differences among all of us.

Active After School Communities Program
Our Soccer coach is looking for a parent helper for the Wednesday after school sessions 3:15 – 4:15 pm on the oval. The coach would love to be able to split the group for a range of skills activities and an extra helper would really be appreciated for this. If you wish to volunteer for the session, please let the office know or if your child is attending the soccer, please just come along to the session and let the coach know you can help.

Please remember collection is 4:15 pm.

P&C Day
Friday 23 May is P&C Day! This is an opportunity for us to acknowledge the contribution that our P&C executive and members make to our school community and ultimately to the overall improvement of student educational outcomes at New Farm State School. All students, families and staff benefit from the willingness of our P&C who generously offer their time, expertise, energy and ideas for the betterment of all. A very special thank you to our dedicated executive: President Fiona Murcott, Vice President Judith Hunter, Treasurer Jim Meadland and Secretary Jim Posner. Thank you also to our many parents who are involved in the many and varied groups which support our school, including gardening, tuckshop, fundraising, Swimming Club, banking, after school and interschool sports, arts, creativity and innovation, library, class representative and other general class and events helpers.

Gala Day
Thank you to Mr Wilson for coordinating the Gala Days and to other staff for coaching and preparing students for their sports. There was a great response from students this term and they are very enthusiastic about the competition ahead. Sports include girls and boys soccer and girls netball. The events will be held on Thursday 22 May, Thursday 29 May and Thursday 5 June. Students will be transported to and from the venues by bus. Students are required to be at school by 8.15 am and meet at the netball court where they will be supervised by Mrs Alcorn. It is very important that students arrive on time as the bus will leave promptly at 8.30 am. Payments and permission notes must be submitted to the office prior to the Gala Days by Tuesday 20 May.
Community Spirit Awards
Last year we held our first New Farm SS Community Spirit Awards in term 2. We are pleased to announce that this year’s applications are now open.

- Nomination forms enclosed (website version can be found under Support and Resources Tab, Forms/Documents tab then click on Documents)
- Nominations due Friday 6 June
- Awards Special Assembly Monday 23 June at 2 pm (last week of term 2)

Student Absence, Late arrival and Early departure
Just a reminder that school arrival hours are from 8.30 am where supervision is given prior to school commencing at 9 am. School concludes at 3 pm. A 3.20 pm the bell is sounded to remind those students that whoever is still on the grounds to come to the office to be collected.

The only exceptions to this would be people attending organised activity through our Community Education Programme or attending the Jabiru Before or After School programme. Jabiru is licensed to use the grounds and students should not be remaining in the grounds for play at this time.

If your child is absent from school for one or more days then it is the parent’s responsibility to notify the school office on 3358 7333 or email admin@newfarmss.eq.edu.au at the beginning of the absence period advising the office staff with the following information: Child’s name, Child’s class and teacher, reason for absence and expected date for return to school.

If a student is arriving late for school or leaving early they must be signed in/out by their parents/caregivers from the school office and receive a “Student Movement Card” before proceeding to your child’s classroom.

Security Upgrade
The school will undertake a key and door upgrade over the June/July holidays. This will ensure the school has a consistent key system across the school and is a tremendous upgrade and improvement to the security of our facilities. Thank you to our groundsman Terry who has done a great deal of planning and negotiation on our behalf.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
The Premiers Reading challenge is an annual state wide event for students from Prep to Year 7. The reading period is between 20 May and 5 September.

The Premier’s Reading Challenge is not a competition but a way to encourage students to develop a love of reading for life. Through the challenge students are given an opportunity to further develop their appreciation of the English language and are encouraged to explore and enjoy a wide range of literary texts.

Reading Record Forms will be sent home with your child and should be completed and returned to the library by 5 September. If you have any questions, please see Narelle Hoelzl our Teacher Librarian.

Spark Reading Program
We would like to again thank Volunteers from Price Waterhouse Cooper for mentoring our students in reading this term. Our students have thoroughly enjoyed the program and have looked forward to this reading session each week. Congratulations also to our students who have participated enthusiastically in the program. Photos on the back page.

Staying Safe Around Bats
Students need to be aware that bats and flying foxes pose minimal risk to humans but may spread harmful viruses if they scratch or bite someone. Refer to the Living with Bats website.
**SCHOOL COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NEWS**

**STUDENT BANKING — FRIDAYS AT NFSS**
We had an amazing 111 deposits this week! Congratulations to Prep/1M & 3/4W with 12 each.

Congratulations to the following students who have all received Bronze Certificates: Jake T, Jayce L, Valentim M, Henry M, Luke F, Farrin W & Katelyn L.

Congratulations also go to Oliver A, Xavier M & Leni W for receiving their rewards this week.

Many thanks to the Commonwealth Bank for donating a Mary Ryan’s $30 book voucher for our prize this term. Every deposit will go in the draw this term.

Also, make 3 deposits this term and you go in the draw to win some fantastic prizes from the Commonwealth Bank. First prize is a SeaWorld Holiday Package & there are also many other prizes up for grabs.

Karen Ridoutt, Tenieli Jocumsen & Rachel Kendrick ridout@optusnet.com.au or 0412 004 644

**TRIVIA NIGHT NEWS**

**Trivia Night Raffle**
A big thank you to those families that have already sold and returned their raffle money.

We currently have received $1910, which is only 45 booklets out of 280. 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 theTrivia Night collection box. Thanks for your support Karen Ridoutt.

**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, a Mercedes-Benz Kiddie Ride on Car kindly donated by Mercedes-Benz Brisbane and a 1 hour Flight Simulator Ride kindly donated by Virgin Australia. Karen Ridoutt.

**Jabiru Kids New Farm**
Jabiru New Farm has been very busy in Term 2, welcoming some new faces, and getting involved with some great activities! Miss April and Miss Amy have joined us from Head Office, and will be working here at New Farm, alongside Miss Annie, Miss Rachel and some other friendly new educators, until the return of our beloved Miss Chu in Term 3.

At the moment we are experiencing higher demand than ever before, and have had to cap our bookings on some of our busy days (ie: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons), to ensure we do not breach our license. We are using a waitlist for these busy days to keep on top of our bookings, and to make sure our after school care services are available to as many families as possible. We thank you for your patience with us while we collaborate with New Farm State School to work towards a solution that will benefit our great school community, and our fantastic Jabiru families.

Karen Ridoutt.

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**Mini-Market News**
The Mini-Market is back this Wednesday, the 21 of May, between 2.30 and 3.30 pm. Plants and home baked goods will be available. Some new craft workshops and the weaving looms for everyone to weave with. Please come on in and find a branch to add or bring something in from home if you like.

**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.

**NUFFS UNIFORM SHOP UPDATE**
The Uniform shop is open every Wednesday morning from 8.15 to 9 am for this term.

“Now in stock”, a limited number of chair back bags. Ideal for students who need a little extra room for their books and other items. Cost for these are $9 each.

We have a limited number of the “New” sleeveless fleece vests in stock but more have been ordered. Cost of these are $18 each.

I still require one or two more volunteers to help out in the Uniform Shop on Wednesday mornings. Please come and see me if you can help.

Also I’m low on second hand school polo shirts. Please drop off any pre-loved uniforms to me at the Uniform Shop or to the office.

Thanks for your help
Regards Katherine

**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

**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 8.00 am. Counter orders must be in before 9.00 am.

**Friday Tuckshop**

To avoid the long queues on Friday mornings you can order online. Cut off time is 8.00 am on Fridays. If you order over the counter, please have your order in before 9.00 am 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** — 23 May

- Tuckshop — Rosemarie Cremona, Rachel Kendrick & Natalie Watson
- Counter (8.30 - 9.15am) — Wendy Peard-Castles & Gillian Penrose
- Baking — Jennifer Brock, Dimity William, Jodie Neilson, Lyn Zollo, Mehera Milne, Catrina Dalla, Gina Rahmel

Thank you to everyone who supports the tuckshop.

Terri-Anne and Jim

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Social Skills
Different But The Same

Focus:
We are all different individuals and yet sometimes we share similar views or interests with others. Knowing we are all different helps us understand our own and other people’s feelings. Getting to know others is a fun thing to do.

Looks Like
• Students mixing with different people for different activities

Sounds Like
• Everyone encouraging each other with their words
• Asking questions and showing interest to find out more

Feels Like
• A friendly place to be
• Students feeling it is ok to be different
• Students confident in their own abilities
• Respecting individual differences

Assembly Social Skill Awards
Week 4 - “Being Brave”.
Congratulations to the following students:
Prep/1M - Elijah E & Claudia W
3SR - Ella M
3C - Louis K
3/4W - Valentine M
4R - Elijah E
4/5F - Tabitha B, Jade M & Breana R
5D - Frankie M
6/7A - Xander M
6/7B - Ploy N

Assembly Student Awards
Congratulations to the following students:
Prep T - Sashi R-H
Prep/1M - Lyla M
1S - Finn H-F
2F - Evie G & Angelica O
3SR - Silas J
3/4W - Thomas R
4R - Charlotte H
4/5F - Jack M, Tabitha B & Breana R
5D - Rio M, Bella M
6/7A - Sasha G, Natalie O & Lily C-F
6/7B - Robert G

Spark Reading Program
Students from NFSS at the Sparks Reading Program.

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