“Dream big and dare to fail.”
Norman Vaughan

From the Principal’s Desk…

Social Skills

This week’s Social Skill is “Don’t Pop My Bubble”. This fits within our rule of “Be Respectful”. Thank you to Mr Conde and the Year 6/7 class for presenting the lesson on Assembly. For more information please see the back page.

NAIDOC Week Celebrations

On Thursday 24 July the whole school enjoyed participating in NAIDOC activities. The theme this year was “Serving Country- Centenary and Beyond”, honouring all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women who have fought in defence of our country.

Mr James Sandy, a past pupil at New Farm, and the Regional Community Partnership Officer, opened the ceremony with an Acknowledgement Of Country. Mr Sandy recalled fond memories of his time at NFSS and praised the involvement of the indigenous students at the school. Robert and Mali explained the meanings of the colour patterns and symbols on the Aboriginal and the Torres Strait Islander flags.

Afterwards, students joined in a variety of activities – dot painting, X-ray chalk art, dreamtime stories, hand prints, collage calendars, whale story and art, bookmarks, boomerangs, and indigenous games. Students also planted hands in a garden as an expression of our support for reconciliation and cultural respect. It was a very enjoyable morning.

A special thanks goes to Mrs Maslen and Mr Rafter for organising all of the activities for the day and for Mr Sandy for attending our special day. Photos on the back page.

Newsletter by Email

We had a number of emails bounce back last week when trying to send out the newsletter. If you have changed your email address, please contact the office to ensure we have the correct information on file.

Shine 2014 - NFSS Performers Quest

Due to staff illness the Shine heat dates have been postponed. Please keep the entries coming. The new dates will be confirmed in the coming future.

Now Taking Prep Enrolments for 2015

Thank you to all of the parents who have contacted us and have started the process of enrolling their children for 2015. Information about interview dates and the Open Day date and time will be published in the newsletter in the coming weeks.

Keep your eye out for the upcoming information.
Request to Administer Medication At School Form

If your child is sick and requires medication at school, it is a Department of Education and Training requirement that you complete a “Request to Administer Medication At School Form”. We cannot accept handwritten notes or receive verbal approval to administer medication as it is a breach of policy. As part of our duty of care, we always have the best interests of your students in mind. The medication that you provide to us must have a Chemist’s Label with your child’s name on it together with dosage and frequency of dosage as well as a valid expiration date. If your child has a continuing medical issue that requires medication throughout the year, you should contact the office so that other arrangements can be made.

Banned Food Items

We have a few children who have been diagnosed as having allergies/anaphylaxis. As a school, it is important that we reduce the risk of anaphylaxis. Allergy and Anaphylaxis Australia has provided some strategies that help reduce this risk as follows:

- No food sharing
- Hand washing after eating
- Class discussion on how children without allergies can support children with allergies
- Education of children with food allergies and teaching them how to manage when the allergen is around
- All children knowing which classmates have allergies, telling a teacher quickly if their classmate with the food allergies looks sick or says they are sick

School Times and Drop Off/Pick Up Zones

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. At 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.

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 and dangerous to children.

After School Sports Activities

The Active After School Communities (ASSC) Program Enrolment Form has been sent home with your child. The program will commence next Monday, 4 August for a 7 week term. We are offering Netball, Tennis and Cricket this term. Please note that there are restrictions on year level participation in order to make the coaching more meaningful. Applications are to be returned to the office as soon as possible. The forms are processed on a “first in” basis. Confirmation of enrolment will be sent home with your child on Friday. If you have any queries, please call the office on 3358 7333.

Reminder to Name All Items

A reminder to all parents/carers to ensure that their children’s clothing, hats, lunchboxes and drink items are clearly marked. This makes returning property to their owners a little easier.

2014 Premier’s Reading Challenge

A reminder that all entry forms for the 2014 Premier’s Reading Challenge are due back by the end of August.

Lunchtime Disco - Prep

The Community and Charity Leadership group will be hosting lunchtime dances again this term. The first disco for Term 3 will be for Prep students, and will be held on Thursday 31 July, 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!!
SCHOOL COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NEWS

STUDENT BANKING — FRIDAYS AT NFSS
This week we had 90 deposits. Congratulations to Prep/1M with 14 kids banking!

There will be no banking at assembly on Monday 28 July as Karen is away. She will hand out any outstanding rewards & certificates the following Monday.

Karen Ridoutt, Tenielli Jocumsen & Rachel Kendrick
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NFSS COMMUNITY EDUCATION TERM 3 ENROLMENTS
Enrolments are open now for Term 3. Please visit our School Website -
https://newfarmss.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/FormsandDocuments/Documents/New%20Farm%20SS%20Community%20%20Education%20Term%203%202014-Syllabus.pdf

MINI MARKET NEWS
Thanks to a generous donation by Bunnings at Stafford, we have a new garden bed in Little Farm. Jill from Bunnings came along on Friday and helped us to erect the beautiful new bed and fill it with soil, fertiliser and plants. Some lucky prep students and their buddies got the chance to help Jill plant out the new garden bed, and some existing beds, with seedlings and seeds. They did a fantastic job and had a lot of fun. We would encourage all the students to check in on the seedlings and see how they are doing. Let’s see what we can grow!

Weekly Riddle
Last week’s answer: He slept at night
This week’s riddle is:
A man shaved everywhere, yet he still has a long beard. How’s this?

Note: the draw will end Thursday first break. The draw will be done Thursday school lunchtime.

P&C UPDATE
Katherine will be standing down as the Uniform Shop Manager as soon as we can find my replacement. Not due to the stress of the fire! Just time to move on. The position is a paid one, so a little extra pocket money each week for you. Currently this term I’m only opening Wednesday mornings but as of next term it will go back to mornings and afternoons. About 3 hours a week, plus extra hours for “Back to school” and stocktake. There is some flexibility in changing the opening days and this can be discussed. So if anyone would be interested in this role please come and see me or give me a call.

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. 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 8.00 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 - 1 August
Tuckshop - Marie Warren & Michelle Gerrard
Counter (8.30 - 9.15 am) - Gillian Penrose & Sue Fuller
Baking - Dimitry Williams, Nikki Mortimer, Cath Byrne, Jocelyn Parry, Kirsten Medland & Alison Menzies

Thank you to everyone who supports the tuckshop.

Terri-Anne and Jin
Social Skills
Don’t Pop My Bubble

Focus:
To ensure students understand ‘put downs’ are hurtful and that everyone has their own personal space which should be respected.

Looks Like
• Students giving each other space (personal space is an individual choice)

Sounds Like
• Students using words of encouragement to acknowledge strengths and achievements
• Students not accepting ‘put downs’ by others
• Students reminding others of their need for space

Feels Like
• Being respectful
• Knowing everyone has different personal needs
• Understanding we all have strengths to be proud of and limitations we are aware of

Assembly Social Skill Awards
Week 2 - “Manners Matter”
Congratulations to the following students:
Year 7 - Saranya

Assembly Student Awards
Congratulations to the following students:
Prep - Alex, Cooper & Finlay
Year 1 - Oliver, Flavius, Zari & Scarlett
Year 4 - Olivia
Year 5 - Brynn

Respect Yourself
Respect Others
Respect Property

NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS
Left to right - SueChe Dorante with special guest Mr Sandy

S.T.E.M 2014
S.T.E.M. Stands for; Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics
Friday the 18th of July, ten year 6s and 7s from New Farm went to the University of Queensland. These ten students included: Caitlin, Phoebe, James, Levi, Aditi, Arjun, Jack, Alex, Alex and Felix. Luckily we were not alone, there were another two hundred and sixty students from other schools from the city cluster (these do not include the teachers). At UQ we attended two workshops each. We had three lectures, the presenters included; Scott Shomer, Colin Kennard and Dr. Jill Ellsworth. Now, once back from the conference we have to work on a project. The project has to be finished and displayed by the 18th of September.

“We all learned a lot and had lots of fun!”
by Levi and Jack

ASCA IS RUNNING A COLOURING COMPETITION TO CELEBRATE CANTENE WEEK
YOU COULD WIN............
$250 for our Tuck-shop to spend AND a $20 iTunes voucher for yourself!
Just hand in your finished colouring sheet to the office by Tuesday 5th August.
The ASCA will announce each state winner after Friday 15th August.

WAIT! There’s more.....
The P & C have decided to make the competition a little more interesting. The Tuck-shop Team will pick a winning entry from each Year – Prize will be a choice of a $15 book or iTunes Voucher.
The Tuck-shop Team will then select an overall winner from the above entries – Prize will be a $20 book or iTunes voucher along with their entry submitted into the National Competition.

Colouring Sheets are available from the school office.
School Year and Overall Winner will be awarded their choice of Prize during Assembly Monday 11th August.

GOOD LUCK!
Katie Grundy, P & C Vice President

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