NEW FARM STATE SCHOOL

From the Principal's Desk:

Social Skills

This week’s Social Skill is “Do The Right Thing”. Thank you to Mr Fitzgerald’s class for presenting the lesson on assembly this week. For more information please see the back page.

Extended Absences

For extended absences please inform our office staff. Our new curriculum is very full and teachers do cover many new concepts during a term. The delivery of the curriculum content is now much more interactive, with less emphasis on textbooks and worksheets.

Many of our lessons are delivered using interactive whiteboards or extended projects that are delivered over the course of five weeks. The culminating assessment will be partly completed in class with teacher guidance. If your child will be away for an extended period, class teachers can provide information about the content but often cannot supply specific textbook pages or worksheets.

However, you can still cover concepts whilst away by using some of the ideas below:

- Mathletics for consolidation of all number concepts.
- Websites such as Khan Academy for science research.
- Watching the ABC current affairs program BTN.
- Daily reading, journal or postcard writing is always beneficial.
- Maths concepts can also be incorporated into your day; for example language of length of number patterns, estimating cost and change.
- If you are overseas your child could investigate some local history that relates to concepts taught in class.

Our advice; start with the concepts being taught and use your travel opportunity, the internet and watching out for the learning situations that pop up along the way.

Ekka Public Holiday

As everyone would be aware, the Ekka started last Friday and the public holiday is Wednesday 13 August. As it is a public holiday please remember there is no school on that day. I am sure that everyone will enjoy the day off. You will find some handy hints about the Ekka on the next page.

New Shine Dates

We are pleased to announce the upcoming Shine heat dates. All students, staff and parents are welcome to be in the audience at 1.30 pm on Tuesdays. Good luck to everyone involved.

Heat 1 - Tuesday 12 August, Heat 2 - Tuesday 19 August, Heat 3 - Tuesday, 26 August, Heat 4 - Tuesday 2 September, Heat 5 - Tuesday 9 September

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 coming weeks.
City District Track and Field

Last week 22 of our 10-13 year old students took part in the district track and field trials with much effort and enthusiasm. Each member of the entire team strove to do their best in their respective events and their behaviour and sportsmanship were commendable. Outstanding results were recorded including Natasha 1st in Discus, Sasha 1st in 200m and Billie 1st in High Jump. Mali gained 3rd place in High Jump and Saranya 2nd in High Jump and 3rd in Discus. Billie also placed in 800m, Long jump and Discus and was 3rd in the Multi event. These students will now go on to the Regional Selection Trials. It was a great learning experience for all, especially for our younger competitors who pushed themselves to meet the challenges they faced. Congratulations to all our school representatives. A special thank you to the NFSS staff and parents who attended to help out. It was a great 2 days and we managed to accomplish many outstanding goals.

Thank you also to Mr Wilson, Mrs Critchley and Mrs Fortey for managing the students who attended the sports day.

Litter Busters

Congratulations to Year 4/5F and Year 5D who have conscientiously maintained a Litter Free Zone. Excellent job students! Thank you also to Mrs Fletcher and Mr Davies for encouraging and assisting students in this task.

After School Sports Activities - Netball Spots Still Available

All of the after school sports activities are going great, with everyone having a lot of fun. There are still spaces available for children in Grades 4-7 for Netball (Monday afternoons). Please call the Office on 3358 7333 to register your child.

2 Minute Parking Zone

Thank you to all of the people who have been complying with the 2 Minute Drop Off requirement. However, unfortunately there are still cars parking for long periods which is causing congestion and inconveniencing other drivers. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

NFSS Uniform Requirements

As everyone would be aware, NFSS has a school uniform and there are certain requirements that need to be followed. As a gentle reminder, please find the requirements below:

- Must have the school hat. If not, hat must be the same maroon and broadbrim.
- Must wear the school jumper.
- Must wear closed in shoes that support the foot. Ideally black school shoes.
- Must wear the correct school polo shirt (new or old style). No alternatives.
- If girls are wearing the dress, it must be the official school dress. No alternatives.
- Shorts, skorts, long pants and track pants, ideally the school ones are to be worn but they can wear other ones if they are the same maroon colour.
- We also have long sleeve white and navy tees in the uniform shop and these can be worn under the school polo or dress when it’s a bit colder. These don’t have to be the school ones but do need to be white or navy.

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. Keep up the great reading!

Helpful Ekka Information

If your family is planning to visit the baby animals or other animal enclosures at the Ekka this year, remember to supervise your children and ensure the whole family regularly washes their hands to prevent infections from spreading. A Queensland Health fact sheet is available at http://bit.ly/1sOTM6a.

Before you head off to the Ekka with the children this year you will want to look at the following information. Some very helpful hints can be found at http://mypolice.qld.gov.au/brisbanecentral/2014/08/07/dont-lose-ekka/
SCHOOL COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NEWS

TUCKSHOP NEWS

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ONLINE ORDERING

We have online 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. Online 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 - 15 August

Tuckshop - Shirin, Rosemarie Cremona & Rachel Kendrick
Counter (8.30 - 9.15 am) - Michelle Gerrard & Wendy Peard-Castles
Baking - Dimitry Williams, Jocelyn Parry, Lyn Zollo, Mehera Milne, Catrina Dalla & Gina Rahmel
Thank you to everyone who supports the tuckshop.

Terri-Anne and Jin

P&C Update

Katherine will be standing down as Uniform Shop manager and Annalisa Toole will be taking up the role again.

SHORT STORY PROJECT

A huge thank you to everyone who sent in a story this week. There were some really great stories from across the grades and it is very clear to us that there are some talented writers in our school. Your ‘Writer’s Starter Pack’ will be delivered to your classroom this week. We still have a few packs to give away so if you have a story you’d like to write, submit it to the library as soon as you can. Five super sentences that we really loved were:

“It’s Ronaldoosaurus’s kick off and Messi is coming up to defend and Ronaldo goes through his legs and SCORES!!!” Sam (Year 2)

“Later that night when Anna was warming it by the fire, it cracked into little pieces revealing a baby dragon.” Nell (Year 3)

“She walked for a while until she came across a jaguar!” Isla (Year 3)

“Once upon a time there was a man in the sea who made everything come alive.” Max (Prep)

“I gave chase and I could feel my heart pounding.” Lauren (Year 4)

These are just a few of the wonderful sentences we have read this week and more will follow every week. Being published is a huge achievement for any writer so well done and keep writing.

Leisa

LIBRARY FUN CLUB

Every Thursday second break there are great things happening in the library. Come and check out the great craft, loom, games, beadling and drawing on offer. Last week we had over 35 kids come along and it was lots of fun. We hope to see you there.

Jenny, Katrina and Leisa
**Social Skills**

**Do The Right Thing**

**Focus:**
Keeping our school neat and tidy makes us feel good about our school. If we all help out, we share the pride in our environment.

**Looks Like**
- No rubbish lying around
- Clean environment

**Sounds Like**
- Can I put this in the bin?
- All my rubbish is in the bin
- Teachers saying “Thank you, can you pick up that rubbish”

**Feels Like**
- Everyone healthy and happy

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**Assembly Social Skill Awards**

**Week 4 - “Be Respectful”**

Congratulations to the following students:
- Prep - Sofia, Zachary, Elyse & Jaylen
- Year 1 - Non
- Year 2 - Angelica
- Year 6 - Olive, Zahlia & Lydia

**Assembly Student Awards**

Congratulations to the following students:
- Year 1 - Daniel

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**BOOK WEEK AUGUST – DRESS UP DAY**

**Tuesday 19 August**

It's time to start thinking about a costume. Book Week starts Monday 18 August and as part of the celebrations, we are asking children to come dressed up as their favourite book character. You might like to start giving this some thought. A hat or accessories maybe a simple solution. Please no swords, guns or plastic knives as accessories for costumes.

**READ-A-THON**

We are also having a Read-a-thon as part of Book Week. Forms have been sent home, but if you need another one, please see the Library or Office.

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**Weekly Riddle**

*Last week's answer: He is a barber*

**This week's riddle is:**

Why does an old lady always answer the door wearing her hat and coat?

*Note: the draw will end Thursday first break. The draw will be done Thursday second break.*

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**Students Having Fun At The Disco!**

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