Monday
25 August, 2014
DIARY DATES
August
25-29 Evacuation Drill
26 Shine - Heat 3
28 Disco - Year 3
September
2 Shine - Heat 4
1 Year 1 excursion
2 Year 6/7 LOTE excursion
5 Teacher Aides’ Day
8 Year 2 excursion
9 Shine - Heat 5
10 P&C Meeting
19 Last day of Term 3
October
8 P-Yr 3 Brave Heart’s Program
8 P&C Meeting
REMINDERS
READING CLUB
Tuesday morning 8.15 am in Library.
STUDENT BANKING
Banking this Friday 29 August outside the Library.
Upcoming City District Trial dates:
22 August - Cricket (11&12yrs boys)
9 Nov - Triathlon by direct entry to MN trial (12yrs)

From the Principal’s Desk….

Social Skills
This week’s Social Skill is “Recognise, React and Report” from the Daniel Morcombe curriculum materials. This fits within our rule of “Be Safe”. For more information please see the back page.

Book Week
The Book Week Dress Up Day was a great success and a great time was had by both students and teachers. It was so fantastic to see so many lovely costumes and there was obviously a lot of thought put into them. Thank you to Mrs Hoelzl for the many wonderful activities that were made available throughout Book Week. Photos from the day are on the back page.

Read-A-Thon
Just a gentle reminder to return any money raised from the Read-A-Thon. All funds raised will go towards a much needed sound system for the school.

Year 5 Camp
Thank you to Mrs Fletcher, Mr Davies and Mrs Dorante for accompanying the Year 5 students on their camp to Emu Gully. I am sure everyone had a wonderful time and we look forward to hearing all about it.

Year 3 Choir Performance
Thank you to Mrs Thacker, Mrs Richards and Ms Jaiyeola for supporting the students at last Wednesday night’s performance at the Powerhouse for the amalgamation of New Farm Neighbourhood Centre and Community. The support for our involvement was outstanding and the students did a wonderful job.

Student Intentions 2015
Each year we need to predict our class allocations for the following year. We appreciate families letting us know of their intentions for the 2015 school year. If you do know that your children will not be attending New Farm State School in 2014 could you please let the office know as soon as possible. Thank you.

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.

Keep your eye out for the upcoming information.
Electronic or Hard Copy Newsletter

After consultation with the P&C we have decided to trial an opt in/out model for the newsletter with the notion of moving gradually towards an electronic system. As we are aware this is not suitable for some families and we will continue to print hard copies as required. The Parent Reps will be contacting parents/carers in the next few weeks.

Farewell

Farewell to Kirsty, who has been looking after our newsletter this year. Good luck. We will announce her replacement in the coming weeks.

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!

P&C NEWS

Thanks to those who attended the P&C’s August General Meeting – the successful first outing for new executive committee members Katie Grundy (VP), Teniell Jocumsen (treasurer) and Leisa Stathis (secretary)!

New Facebook page

The P&C has set up a Facebook page to keep NFSS parents and carers up-to-date on P&C activities and projects, as well as current school news and notices. All you need to do is visit and “like” https://www.facebook.com/nfsspandcassoc!

Creative arts centre construction to start in September!

Of course, the P&C’s big news is that it will soon be ‘all systems go’ for our new creative centre under the hall. We are currently seeking tenders from builders and works are scheduled to commence next month!

Masterplan

The P&C continues to seek State Government funding to realise the next stages of our school masterplan, redeveloped entrance to the oval and new multi-storey classroom building in the prep area. Recently, the Government commenced working on masterplanning for a series of Brisbane Central schools (including NFSS), which is holding up our process somewhat; however, we hope that the broader focus is a positive sign of future support.

Book Week

Thanks to all families who participated in ‘dress-up’ Book Week. We appreciate your efforts and look forward to this being a fun and permanent entry on the NFSS calendar.

Uniform Shop

Katherine Iedema will soon hand over the uniform-shop reins to Annalisa Toole. A big thanks, Katherine, for your excellent work over the past year and welcome back, Annalisa!

Farewell Terry!

As you would be aware by now, our long-time groundskeeper Terry Kunde has left NFSS for greener pastures. The P&C is grateful to Terry for his above-and-beyond support of the P&C and NFSS community, and we will genuinely miss his strong work ethic, outstanding ingenuity and unique sense of humour! With this in mind, former P&C VP Judith Hunter recently visited Terry at his new school to present him with a gift and spectacular trophy created by our other former VP, Paul Jones. Goodbye and good luck, Terry – and thanks to all involved in his ‘send off’!

Thank also to everyone who has contributed to the P&C’s ongoing efforts. I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on Wednesday 10 September!

Fiona Murcott
P&C President

Lunchtime Disco!

The Community and Charity Leadership group will continue hosting lunchtime dances this term.

The next disco for Term 3 will be for Year 3 students, and will be held on Thursday 28 August, 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!!
Tuckshop News
Tuckshop opens two days a week - Wednesdays and Fridays.

Monday Lunch Menu
We have a limited menu on Monday. The only item available is a "Closed for Lunch" sign. Orders are only taken between 8.00 am and 9.00 am. Counter orders must be in before 9.00 am.

Tuesday Lunch Menu
Lasagne ($3.50) or Cheese & Tomato ($3.00) pastas available. Yoghurt, fruit and drinks are also available. On-line orders close at 8.00 am on Monday. Counter orders must be in before 9.00 am.

Wednesday Lunch 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 Lunch Menu
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 - 29 August
Tuckshop - Shirin, Jocelyn Parry & Fiona Caniglia
Counter (8.30 - 9.15 am) - Michelle & Lyn Zollo
Baking - Jocelyn Parry, Gillian Penrose, Lyn Zollo, Sam Bryce, Nikki Mortimer, Kirsten Medland & Dimity Williams
Thank you to everyone who supports the tuckshop. Terri-Anne and Jim

Short Story Project
We have loved reading each and every story that has been submitted this week and have been impressed by each story’s sizzling starts, amazing adjectives and sensational sentences. Here are just a few of the many outstanding sentences we have read. Well done!

“What’s your name?” the leprechaun asked in a croaky voice.” Charlotte Year 1

“So I pressed the biggest button there was and ZOOM everyone in the room froze!” Charlize Year 3

“One day Xavier’s evil arch archenemies Thunder had a plan to take over Britain so Xavier reunited his team.” Amelia Year 3

“Then suddenly the treehouse lifted off the tree and turned into a ROCKET and zoomed faster than you could say crunchy, munchy carrot!” Ishi Year 2

“They tied the wishing chair to a tree and Molly ate a little bit of the grass.” Ella Year 3

Remember, the way to become a better writer is to keep writing! A story doesn’t have to have perfect spelling and grammar to be awesome. One cool idea and you’re on your way to an excellent story!

Leisa
Library Committee

Mini Market Update
The Mini-Market will be held on the last Friday of term from 2.30 pm to 3.30 pm, and will be packed with home made goods, plants and craft. Come along and say hi and help support our wonderful community garden.

Leanne is looking for donations of old knitted scarves and the like, for an exciting Yarn-bombing project in the garden. Please bring any you can spare to the stall.

Library Committee
Assembly Student Awards
Week 6
Congratulations to the following students:
Prep    - Sashi, Gus, Rebbecca & Brooklyn   Year 1- Harper & Gillian   Year 2 - Gracie & Harry   Year 3 - Eli & Jude   Year 7 - Aditi, Jonathan & Andrew

Social Skills
Recognise, React and Report

Safety Lessons for students Prep - Year 2 will include:
Recognise
• Safe and unsafe situations
• Safety clues
• Body clues
• Private body parts (using anatomical names)
• Body Ownership
React
• Safety Options
Report
• Safety helpers and persistence
• Phone and online safety

Safety Lessons for students Years 3-7 will include:
Recognise
• Safe and unsafe situational awareness
• Risk taking
• Rules, rights and responsibilities
• Private body parts (using anatomical names)
• Body ownership
React
• Problem solving
• Strategies
Report
• Safety helpers and persistence
• Online safety and mobile phone safety
• Review of personal safety using self confidence skills

Book Week Fun!

Weekly Riddle
Last weeks answer: A head-lobe
This weeks’ riddle is:
What gets wetter the more it dries?
Note: No draw will be done, but nevertheless please have a crack at it with your family.

Swimming Season 2014/15
The weather is warming up and swim season is just around the corner. Bigfish Littlefish along with some old and some new instructors are back for another season of fun and exciting lessons. We will be running lessons for all ages and abilities every afternoon from 3 pm as well as Saturday mornings.

Booking Week
Monday 1st of September until Friday 5th of September (bookings taken in pool area) from 3 pm each day. You will need to book in on the day you wish to have lessons. For example if you want lessons on a Monday you will need to come on Monday the 1st of September, if you want lessons on a Wednesday you will need to come on Wednesday the 3rd to make your booking. Payment must be made on booking.

Fees for -: Monday are $130.50 (9 week term), Tuesday- Saturday $145 (10 week term).

Payment options -: cash, cheque, debit or credit card. Bookings for Saturday are now open (no bookings on Saturday 6th September). If you have any further questions or are unable to make these booking dates please call Jo Keehan 0414 486767

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