Monday
1 September, 2014

DIARY DATES
September
2 Shine - Heat 4
2 Yr 1 Planetarium Excursion
2 Yr 6/7 LOTE excursion
5 Teacher Aides’ Day
8 Yr 2 Pullenvale 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 outside the Library.

Upcoming City District Trial dates:
9 Nov - Triathlon by direct entry to MN trial (12yrs)

From the Principal’s Desk…..

Social Skills

This week’s Social Skill is “If It’s Meant To Be, It’s Up To Me. Thank you to Yr 4R students who delivered this week’s message. This fits within our rule of ‘Be Responsible’. For more information please see back page.

Thank you to our School Support staff

This week we take time to recognise our support staff for all their great work in our school.

We are very fortunate to have a dedicated and committed group of Teacher Aides who work professionally with each other, with our students and with other staff. I know that many of our Teacher Aides find their work rewarding and love working with their classes but it is a role which also has its challenges. Thank you for continuing to work for the best outcomes for all our students and for doing it in such a positive manner.

Our New Farm office is a very busy and open environment, which can also be very challenging. It is a job where you need to be on your toes, aware of all the many little things that are happening but also work through the regular and larger projects in HR, WHS, finance and public relations. My heartfelt thanks to our office ladies for being such a terrific first impression for our school.

Thank you also to Grounds staff and for the work that is done to ensure our environment is always welcoming to staff, students and visitors. Overseeing the grounds is also a huge juggling act with WHS, facilities and maintenance issues, special events, upkeep and more. Thanks for all you do.

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.
Band

Thank you to Mr McIntyre for organising the junior and senior bands to perform at our assembly today. It is wonderful for our students to have opportunities to perform and showcase their talents. Mr McIntyre begins leave for the remainder of the year following this week, so we hope he enjoys his time at home with little Clancy and look forward to his return in 2015. Please welcome Cassie Jansma, Mr McIntyre’s replacement, for the rest of the year.

Separate Play Breaks—Trial for One Week

For the last few weeks we have been exploring some alternative play arrangements to cope with growing student numbers and limited play spaces. We will be trialling a new arrangement this week. This involves lower (Prep to Yr 3) and upper (Yr4-Yr7) students having separate play breaks but eating at the same time. The trial also has a 15 minute in-class eating time. We will let you know the outcome of this trial in next week’s newsletter.

Years 6/7 Leadership Project

The project captains are working on a project called the “School Mural Project”. They want to leave a positive legacy at our school. As you know this legacy is a tree—a tree where every senior who leaves the school will leave their mark. We have arranged an afternoon tea, following assembly on Monday, 8 September, to inform you where we are at and to share ideas. All parents are welcome to join in. This event will happen on the 8th of September after assembly.

Lockdown Drill

Last week we practised our term’s LOCKDOWN drill. Just a reminder that visitors to the school should sign in at the office on arrival and sign out at the office on departure. In this way, we are aware of all persons present during an emergency evacuation or inclusion drill.

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.

Short Story Project

Thanks to everyone who has submitted a short story over the last few weeks. Being published in the newsletter will hopefully be just the first of many times you will see your words in print. Here are some more great sentences!

‘It sounds different to the Giganotasaurus, more like rain on a wooden roof, but quieter and faster, now it getting louder.’ Jaye Yr 3

‘It was brilliant, fabulous and I read a little boy a book.’ Sophie Prep

‘They could have gone to the forest paradise.’ Clea Year 3 ’She gazed at the penny for a moment and then stuck it in her pocket as she continued to run down the stairs.’ Stella Yr 4

‘Dawn is breaking as Rue steps through the fence; I hear a blood curdling scream.’

Ciel and Frankie Year 5

Next term we will have an awesome display in the library of everyone’s story. Thanks again for taking part in this project!

Keep writing!

Leisa

Library Committee
What a fantastic week for banking with 106 deposits! Well done and it’s great to see everyone to say hi up at the library. Congratulations to 3/4 W with 12! The penguin key rings are now out of stock so please choose another reward when ordering. Younger siblings not at school yet, are welcome to bank with us. Just send the bank book in with an elastic band to a sibling’s book and don’t forget it’s great for our school as we earn 5% commission on deposits (maximum $10 commission per deposit).

Many thanks to my helpers last week: Teniell, Rachel, Nicola and Shirin.
Karen Ridoutt (ridoutt@optusnet.com.au or 0412 004 644, Teniell Jocumsen and Rachel Kendrick

NFSS UNIFORM SHOP UPDATE
As of next term the uniform shop will be opening again in the afternoons, hence we are on the hunt for more volunteers. We only need your help for about 30 minutes for a morning or afternoon shift,

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.

MINI MARKET UPDATE
The Mini-Market garden stall 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.

STUDENT BANKING — FRIDAYS IN THE LIBRARY AT NFSS

TUCKSHOP NEWS
Tuckshop opens two days a week - Wednesdays and Fridays.

TUCKSHOP NEWS
It is advisable to have counter lunch orders in before 9.00 am otherwise we can’t guarantee that we will have all menu choices available. To avoid missing out we recommend that you order online.

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
The Wednesday menu will be changing at the beginning of term 4. We will be changing the pizza menu and we will have wraps and pasta available. More information in the coming weeks. 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
Jin will be away on the 19th September (last day of term 3) for a well deserved break. The Friday menu will slightly change for that one day only and Fried Rice and Vegetarian Rice will not be available. Everything else will be available as usual. 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 - 5th September
Tuckshop - Shirin, Carla Ranson & Sue Fuller
Counter (8.30 - 9.15 am) - Paul Donatnu
Baking - Susie Levy, Jennifer Brock, Alison Menzies, Michelle Logan & Jodie Neilson
Thank you to everyone who supports the tuckshop. Terri-Anne and Jin

SCHOOL COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NEWS

CALMER CLUB FOR CALM AND HAPPY KIDS
Every Tuesday lunchtime from 1.30 to 1.50 pm

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Social Skills

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Looks Like

♦ Students having their things with them at school (homework, notes, tuckshop, lunch, hats)
♦ Students organising their belongings themselves at the right time

Sounds Like

♦ Students saying I have my homework in my bag, my lunch is in the fridge, tuckshop is already in the tuckshop box etc

Feels Like

♦ Being organised makes you feel calm and gets the job done!

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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