From the Principal's Desk….

I will be away in Week 1 of Term 4 attending my PHD graduation at Deakin, Melbourne. Ms Buckley will be Acting Principal until I return on Monday, 13 October.

My thesis reports research conducted in a remote Queensland Primary School in which students produced knowledge of value to the local community. It argues that work of this kind interferes sufficiently with everyday classroom practices to generate opportunities for students who previously were disengaged from schooling to become re-engaged.

I strongly believe in giving every student every opportunity to learn and enjoy working with our school staff to achieve a positive culture of learning and support.

Social Skills

This week’s social skills is “Everyone’s A Winner”. Thank you to Year 3SR students who presented this week’s message. This fits within our rule of “Be Respectful”. For more information please see back page.

2015 Class Allocations

Each year teachers make careful consideration about how to allocate students for the follow year’s classes. Teachers consider ability, gender, friendships, learning needs and more. Parent requests for special consideration are also taken into account. As you can imagine, it is a complex and time consuming task. Therefore it is essential parents make their requests in writing to admin@newfarmss.eq.edu.au before Friday, 31 October 2014. Specific teacher requests will not be considered as teaching allocations are not finalised until the last weeks of Term 4 after class allocations have been formed.

School Watch

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please remember to call the School Watch number – 13 17 88.

Shine

On Wednesday the final heat for Shine will be judged for 2014 and finalists will be announced. We have had a large number of fantastic acts this year and students have obviously put a lot of work into their performances. All students who have performed are to be congratulated. Unfortunately only one act from each category – Vocal, Dance, Instrumental, Drama and Combo - will be able to be chosen for the finals and finalists will be announced after the last heat on Wednesday. Please reinforce with your children that they should be very proud of their performance but only a few students can be chosen to perform in the finals.

Free Dress Day

A reminder that this Friday, our last day of term, is a Free Dress Day to support the Year 6/7 Art Mural Project. Please come along wearing greens and browns to lend your support. Gold coin donations will be collected.
**Back to School for this Cop**

On the afternoon of Monday, September 8, Constable Amanda headed back to school.

New Farm State School had organised a special assembly for Constable Amanda and made her feel very welcome. During assembly New Farm State School officially adopted Constable Amanda as their Adopt-a-Cop and presented her with a certificate. Constable Amanda is now one of over a 1000 police officers across the State that volunteer their time to participate in the Adopt-a-Cop program.

The program aims to build positive relationships with the students and school community and the Adopt-a-Cops always look forward to heading back to school.

The very first Adopt-a-Cop was adopted by a school in 1985 by a school in the Fortitude Valley Policing division.

**‘Bravehearts’ Prep – 3 Presentation – “Ditto”**

On Wednesday, 8 October your child will have the opportunity to experience the Personal safety Education program “The Ditto Show” by Bravehearts Inc. The show is designed to provide children with the basic principles of personal safety and the tools to stay safe.

A note was sent home with your child last Friday. Please return the permission slip along with $4 payment to the office to confirm your child will be attending.


**Term 4 Class Swimming**

Term 4 PE class swimming notes will be sent home with your child this week. Please return as soon as possible. Swimming will commence in Week 2.

**1S Garden**

Thank you to 1S and Mr Coyle for inviting Ms McGrath to show what they have grown in their garden this term. Would you believe there were lettuce, peas, egg plants, potatoes, tomatoes and beautiful strawberries with pink flowers! Well done!

**Art Mural Project 2014-2020**

We have raised $2,500 towards our Art Mural Project so far. Thank you to everyone for their contribution—the P&C, Rob Cavallucci, MP, art stall, afternoon tree party and discos.

Our target is $6,000. We are looking for more fund raising ideas from parents and any further donations would be welcomed. Every student in the school this year and the next six years will be included in this legacy. Please read the enclosed flyer for more details or go to [https://newfarmss.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Pages/Documents.aspx](https://newfarmss.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Pages/Documents.aspx).

Julie-Ann Alcorn, Yr 6/7A, Project Co-ordinator

**After School Sport Term 4**

Permission notes will be sent home with your child in Term 4 Week 1 with activities commencing in Week 2. Activities on offer include Swimming, Tennis and Baseball.

**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.
School community events and news

Tuckshop news

Tuckshop opens two days a week - Wednesdays and Fridays

Jin will be away this Friday, 19 September for a well deserved break. The Friday menu will slightly change for that day only and Fried Rice and Vegetarian Rice will not be available this week. Everything else on the menu will be as usual.

Please have counter lunch orders in before 9.00am to guarantee your order with your child's name and class clearly marked or order online by 8am.

Online ordering

To register go to www.flexischools.com.au. 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. The pizza menu will change. We are offering Salad wraps for $3.50 with a choice of chicken, ham or cheese (vegetarian option) and pasta with a vegetarian sauce for $3.50. Corn on the cob will be replaced with a tasty raspberry muffin for $1.00. Drinks, yoghurt and crisps will remain the same.

Friday tuckshop

There will be a couple of slight price changes in Term 4. Fried rice, vegetarian fried rice and sausage sizzle will now be $3.50. Sandwiches, snacks and drinks will remain the same price.

Tuckshop roster

Tuckshop - Shirin, Lara Ghantous, Rachel Kendrick, Rosemarie Cremona & Gillian Penrose
Counter (8.30 - 9.15am) - Fiona, Teniell Jocumsen and Rachel Kendrick

Community education program update

As this term draws to a close, it’s time to think about re-booking or deciding on new activities for term 4! Classes will begin in week 2 of the school term, and most will run for 8 weeks. Check the brochure for specific start dates, class times and course length.

The Term 4 CEP brochure is available from the office and will be circulated through school distribution and neighbourhood letterbox drop. Alternatively, email the coordinator for an electronic copy.

What’s on offer for kids?

We’ve got the Arts covered, with ‘Art with Meredith’ classes on Monday and Tuesday afternoons. Both days currently have a few openings (note: applicants must be 7yrs+). Friday is Drama Day with two class options catering to both younger and older students. There are active pursuits like Judo, Hip Hop and Gymnastics, and language studies in Mandarin and French.

What’s on offer for adults?

Get your groove on in Zumba-style aerobics, or strengthen your body with morning or evening Pilates classes. Strum or sing a tune in Ukulele or the Community Choir, or get creative in Sewing Skills class. Try your hand at Gluten Free Cooking, or broaden your linguistic horizons with a course in French, Italian, Japanese, or Thai. Learn to play Mahjong in a short series of weekend classes, or join the one-day mini-tournament if you are already versed in the game.

For all ages:

Private music lessons (Guitar, Piano, Vocal) continue to be very popular! Please enquire via email for lesson time availability. A wait list is in place for those who cannot take up one of the lesson times currently on offer.

For all enquiries, email: nfsscommunityed@live.com.au
Go to https://newfarmss.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Pages/Documents.aspx for brochure and enrolment form.

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Social Skills

Everyone’s A Winner

Focus:
♦ Students focus on their own personal best achievements and are encouraging of everyone ‘having a go’.

Looks Like
♦ Students participating in an activity.
♦ Students having a go whether they are good at the activity or not. (We all start as a beginner.)
♦ Students being positive towards other students who are trying their hardest.

Sounds Like
♦ Students using positive language to praise their own efforts
♦ Students using positive language to praise others efforts (“Way to go”, “I did really well”)

Feels Like
♦ Being proud of yourself for having a go

NRL BACKYARD LEAGUE PROGRAM

New Farm students have been entered into a free program delivered over the last 3 weeks called “Backyard League”.

At a time when more children are playing Rugby League than ever before, Coles supermarket partnered with the Australian Rugby League Commission to deliver a national ‘Backyard League’ program that would engage a further 125,000 students each year, giving each their own copy of the official “Red and Bluey” children’s story book (Years P-2) or Steeden football (Years 3 and above) and a Rugby League experience with staff from the NRL.

The 3-week Coles Backyard League program ensures boys and girls can quickly and safely in ‘tackle free’ activities grasp the game’s basics with just six set rules and a focus on developing skills and understanding as children play to their own level of athletic ability.

Children are inspired to use their imagination in designing a game that best suits their own skill level. The innovative “Red and Bluey” story also creates a literacy link for presenting and understanding the game rules which is unavailable outside of involvement with the program.

Many thanks to the NRL staff and Sarah the coordinator for visiting us! The new activities and delivery style have provided us here at New Farm a new way to learn about league.

Kent Rainbow (PE Teacher)

Leni has been awarded a Prime Minister’s NAIDOC Medal—one of only 20 issued in each State—for her entry in the NAIDOC Week Colouring Competition open to all primary school students.

Executive Director of NAIDOC Week 2014 School Initiatives, Dylan Williams, representing Prime Minister Tony Abbott, presented the medal at a Special Assembly last Friday.

SWIMMING LESSONS

Did you miss bookings week? I’m now taking bookings over the phone.
Mini swimmer, Beginner swimmer, stroke introduction and mini squad
Small classes tailored to individual needs while learning to swim in a group setting.
10 week term - $145
Please contact Jo on 0414 486 767

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